

Year R Curriculum and Newsletter – Spring 1

Happy New Year and welcome back to year R!

Our new topic for this half term is '**We like to move it!**'

As part of this topic we will be learning about things that move. We will be having fun making kites, testing pulleys, learning about trains, seeing how toys move and taking part in lots more exciting activities as we learn.

Toys

During the first week of our topic we will be talking to the children about moving toys and how they work. If you have any moving toys or your child has received one for Christmas which they would like to talk about, then please send it in for the class to discuss.

They could be toys that move by battery, solar power, wind, push/pull, wind up mechanism or any other way.

Changing books

We hope you are still enjoying reading at home with your children.

We will change your child's reading book with them twice each week if they have finished it with you.

Please sign or comment in your child's reading diary so we know they are ready for a new book.

Recycling items

We are always grateful for any donations of unwanted items from home which could be useful in our Early Years area.

These items include things like old pots and pans, wooden spoons, leftover wallpaper, ball pit balls, large cardboard boxes, comics and 'junk modelling' items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc.

Any of these items will be very gratefully received in any of the year R classrooms. Thank you.



How you can help your child at home

Reading

Reading together on a regular basis will help your child's progress immensely. Joining the library locally (Carnegie) will also give your child a wide range of reading material.

Number

Working together with numbers at home can be lots of fun. Try weighing fruit and veg together in the supermarket, reading number plates on cars as you walk along, counting out pieces of pasta to see who has the most or baking cakes and weighing ingredients.

Topic

We always encourage the children to bring in any learning completed at home, especially if this relates to our topic. Your child may like to research, draw pictures, write facts or visit the library and borrow books to read on the topic. We would love to see any of this coming into school to be shared.

Dates for your diaries (*more information to follow*):

Thursday 26th January 9.15am – Building Learning Power workshop. Come in to work with your child and learn more about our learning heroes in school.

Friday 16th February 2.45pm – 'Moving museum' in the classrooms to share what your children have learned and made this half-term.

Thank you for your support,
The Year R team

