

# EYFS Newsletter – Spring 1

We hope you have all had a good Christmas and wish you all a happy, healthy new year.

Our topic this half term is all about Toys. Using the seven areas of learning and development from the EYFS the children will learn all about toys through exploration, stories and activities as well as working on their individual targets and other key skills.

Below is a brief overview of some of the learning that will take place this half term.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Our main aim will be continuing to build on the children's positive relationships already formed with their class adults and their independence skills. They will continue to learn about the routines and behaviour expectations within the classroom. We will also be learning about playing alongside our friends and beginning to cooperate in a small group.

## **Communication and Language**

We will continue to encourage the children to communicate with class staff in a variety of ways, particularly through intensive interaction. We will work on attention and listening skills when we share a range of songs and stories linked to toys and play sound games. Where appropriate children will follow simple instructions while playing with toys both in the outdoor and indoor classroom. We will explore a wide range of toys to find out about our likes and dislikes. We will also continue to work on individual targets.

## **Physical Development**

As part of our daily routines we will be encouraging the children to wash their hands with support. The children will develop their fine motor skills through sensory exploration with their hands or through mark making, collage and painting. We will be developing our gross motor skills in Physio or PE sessions and where appropriate we will be working on spatial awareness and travelling in a range of ways.



## **Labelling Children's Clothing**

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled including clothing, coats, bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes and shoes. This will help to avoid mistakes being made.

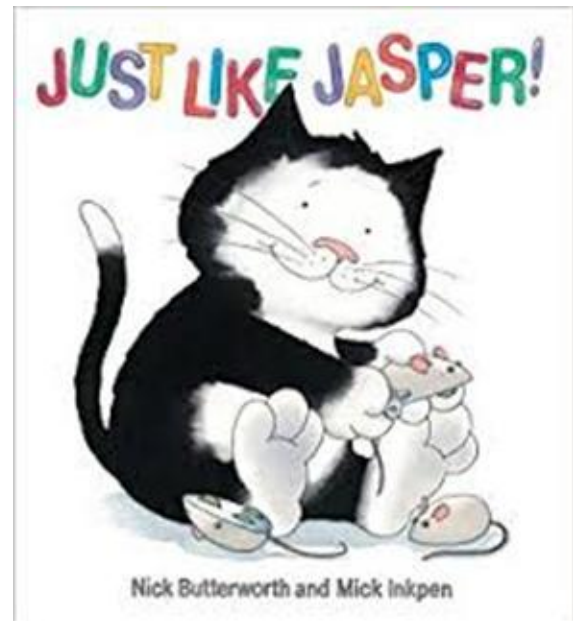
## **Photographs**

It would be fantastic if you could send in or email some photos of your child playing with some of their favourite toys at Christmas for us to share with them.

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### **Literacy**

The children will be developing their early reading skills by sharing sensory massage stories, sensory stories and books with adults. This will include Just Like Jasper and The Toys Party. Stories and books are always accompanied by a range of props and sensory experiences to enhance understanding.



### **Mathematics**

The children will be developing their early mathematical skills through a range of play based activities. The children will be learning about number through rhymes and counting toys. They will also have opportunity to explore size, shape and sorting.

### **Understanding the World**

The children will be exploring the world around them through their senses. They will explore what different toys can do, such as how they move. When we go to Outdoor Learning the children will have opportunity to explore the changing season as well as sensory activities. We will be developing our IT skills by exploring the interactive board, a range of remote controlled and switch toys.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Through a range of paint and collage activities the children will learn about colour and textures. We will be developing the children's imaginative play through a range of small world activities and role play in the home corner. We will also be learning a range of songs related to toys.

Please feel free to contact me at school via email or phone to let me know any information or ask any questions you may have.

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