



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1 2025



All Different – All Equal



Year 1
Cedar and Hazel Class
Mrs Malik, Miss Ramsey
and the
Year 1 Team



Our topic this half term is

**Toys and
Transport:**

is progress always a good thing?

English

We will start this term by learning how to label, make a list and write a caption for a toy. Our class text for this half term is 'Mrs. Armitage on Wheels'. We will be learning about stories with a repetitive structure and we will apply this knowledge to write a new problem for Mrs. Armitage's bike.

Maths

Place value within 50 is where we will begin this half term. Then, we will move on to our topic of money. Exposing the children to some real life coins would be great experience for this unit of work. The last topic of the half term will be multiplication and division which will involve being able to share amounts equally into groups.



History/Geography

Our big question is 'Toys and transport: is progress always a good thing?'. Within History and Geography, we will be looking at a range of toys and transport from the past to the present day to evaluate if progress is always a good thing. Lots of our work will therefore be focused around comparing traditional and modern toys and modes of transport.

Science

Our area of focus this half term is materials. We will be linking this to our topic by creating our own coat for a teddy bear who is going on an adventure. We will test a range of materials and then evaluate which is the best based on its scientific features.

PE days – Monday & Thursday. Please come in your PE kit on these days.

In PE, the skills we are working on are how to defend a goal and how to aim at different targets. In dance, we will be moving like we are in a jungle and performing a short dance with clear start, middle and end.

DT

In DT, we will be investigating a range of mechanical toys. We will evaluate the design of these, before creating our own design. Our goal is to produce our own moving toy this half term!

RE

Our big question this half term is 'Who am I and what does it mean to belong?'. We will be looking at ways in which people express their identity and belonging within their faith.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will continue with our topic of relationships. Our focus will be on identifying the similarities and differences between each of us and why these should be embraced- perfectly fitting with our motto 'All different, all equal'.

Music

Our focus within Music will be on the composer **Andrew Lloyd Webber**. as well as learning our own class song 'let's go fly a kite' and 'You've got a friend in me (Toy Story).



Computing

Within Computing, we will be learning about programming (moving a robot). During this unit, we will learn to enter a set of instructions in our Bee-bots to help them move.



French

Saying basic greetings to each other and having a go at answering the register in French will be our focus for learning.

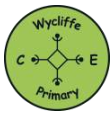
Homework

Spellings and Learn by Hearts will be sent home every Wednesday to be learnt for the following week. The test will be on a Wednesday afternoon.

Please use the hexagons in your homework book to create a piece on the theme of transport and toys. Feel free to use your own creative ideas should you wish! Bring your project into school by Friday 7th February or as soon as it is complete so that we can display them.

Reading

Please keep reading anything and everything as well as your school reading book. In school, we will listen to your child read at least once a week. We would be grateful if you could read with your child at home as often as possible. Please use Spelling Frame regularly to help support reading and spellings.
Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record are in school every day.



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