

Toftwood Infant School  
Information for Parents



Spring 1 2019

**Year One**

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### Literacy

We will be reading information and story books linked to our topic, Weather Experts. We will be learning to read and spell words with split digraphs, a\_e, (as in save, make) e-e, (as in these, even) i\_e, (as in bike, time) o\_e, (as in rope, note) u\_e (as in rule, tube). We shall also be building our sight vocabulary and learning to spell common tricky words. We will be developing dictionary skills and reinforcing alphabetical order, capital letters and names of letters.

Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and to write a comment in their reading record book. It is also helpful if your child brings in their reading diary every day as at some point the teacher will check these.

### Library

Miss Richardson - Thursday

Mrs Ponder - Tuesday

Mrs Chapman - Wednesday

### Mathematics

We are learning to count in tens, fives and twos and recognising odd and even numbers. We will be learning about money, the names of coins and notes and exploring the value of what each of these is worth. We will be finding out about 3D shapes and how to describe these using the appropriate language of edges, vertices and faces. We will be talking about positional language and direction. We will continue working on solving problems with counting, addition and subtraction to 20 and solving word problems.

### Science

We will be learning about a variety of weather and recording the weather each day. We will be conducting experiments about rain and extreme weather. We will also be investigating the quickest way to melt ice.

### Topic

Our topic for this half term will be Weather Experts. We will be learning about our local environment and comparing it to hot and cold climates. We will also be thinking about the weather in our locality and comparing it to others. We will also be looking at maps and learning what some of the symbols mean.

### R.E.

We are looking at the Jewish way of life including the festival of Purim, and discussing how their beliefs are different to ours.

## Music

This half term we will be exploring rhythm patterns and will begin to explore creating our own rhythm patterns with words and music.

## PATHS

In circle time this half term we will be continuing to use the PATHs programme to develop the children's thinking strategies and how to behave to others in a positive way. You will occasionally receive some homework connected to this. We will be continuing to encourage the children to take part in discussions with partners, groups and the whole class.

## PE

The children will be creating a dance using different movements and putting them in a sequence. They will be working collaboratively with others and evaluating other children's dances.

**The children will now be doing some sort of P.E. everyday, either a P.E. lesson, adventure playground or lunchtime activities. Therefore it is important that their P.E. kit stays in school all week.**

**Please note for health and safety reasons children should have earrings removed for PE (before the children come to school) and long hair must be tied back. Please check your child has the correct sized plimsolls for PE.**

## PE day

Miss Richardson - Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Chapman - Wednesday and Friday

Mrs Ponder - Wednesday and Thursday

## Computing

We will be using the internet to research the weather in different countries. Also we will be creating our own algorithms, using my maths and learning how to stay internet safe.

Online safety tips - Please share these with your child if they are accessing the internet

Always ask a grown up before you use the internet

Don't tell strangers where you live, your phone number or where you go to school. Only your friends and family need to know this.

## Website

*If you have a computer connected to the internet, you may wish to visit our website. The address is:*

[www.toftwood.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.toftwood.norfolk.sch.uk)

