

Toftwood Infant School

Information for Parents/Carers

With this information, you will find a plan to show the big picture of the work Year One children will be doing in Autumn 1. Please share this with your child before the half term starts. Try to get your child to answer a few of the questions each day.



Autumn 1
2019

Year 2

Literacy

We will be reading a variety of stories with familiar settings, as well as instructions connected to our topic and poetry. The children will write their own stories, poems, descriptions and instructions. When writing the children will be encouraged to check their work making sure they have put capital letters at the beginning of their sentence and a full stop at the end. Correct letter formation and size will also be encouraged.

We will be reading and spelling words using sounds and common letter patterns. All children have individual spelling lists of common words that will be sent home in their home learning folder. It is vital that your child practises these as often as possible until they spell them correctly in their independent writing.

Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and please ensure that they bring their book bag to school every day and change their books often.

Please ensure your child's reading record is in school each day.

Teachers will check reading records once per week as follows:

Mrs Thompson - Tuesday

Mrs Ponder - Monday

Miss Clarke - Monday

Library days are as follows:

Mrs Thompson - Monday

Mrs Ponder - Tuesday

Miss Clarke - Friday

Please make sure that your child brings their library book in their named plastic folder (this will be provided) on their library day.

Mathematics

In maths, your child will be learning how to count and order numbers, finding number patterns, working out 1 or 10 more or less than a number, different ways to make 10 or 20, how to add by putting the largest number first and how to solve simple problems using mental calculations. Your child will also estimate, measure and compare lengths using centimetres and metres.

Your child will be focussing on the following targets:

- To read, write and order whole numbers to 100 and to know what each digit represents
- To recognise odd and even numbers
- To count on and back in different sequences
- To know addition and subtraction facts to 10 and 20
- To know how to solve number problems
- To measure using different units of measurement

Science

The main focus in science this half term will be to develop the children's investigative skills - for example, carrying out fair tests, measuring and making comparisons. We will be conducting our own science experiments in groups. We will be teaching the children about materials and their properties, and that all things are made from materials such as plastic, metal, glass etc. We will be learning about why objects are made out of certain materials and considering the best material for a purpose.

Topic

Through the topic 'Norwich's Past', we will be using a variety of sources to gather information including books, posters and the internet.

In **History**, our work will focus on how people lived and we will identify differences between the past and present. We will be visiting **Norwich Cathedral** as part of our history studies to allow the children to experience a medieval building.

In **Geography**, learning about our local area and researching different locations in Norwich.

In **Design and Technology** we will design and make a medieval shield and work in teams to build a 3D castle.

During this topic, we will be holding a medieval day including a banquet. The children will work together to cook their own pottage stew for the Banquet. All children and staff will have the opportunity to dress in medieval costume. We will send details of simple costumes that the children can wear, well in advance.

P.E.

In P.E. this half term, we will be developing our fundamental skills such as balancing and travelling in different ways. This will be taught through individual work, partner work and team games. We will be learning to play co-operatively and practise games skills.

Children will be taking part in a program called Real P.E which promotes the learning of basic skills and ensure P.E is fun, exciting and challenging. Each half term there will be some challenges that children can practise at home. This half term these include:

To play hopscotch.

Stand on one leg and make up a clapping rhyme.

Balance on one leg during the adverts.

PE days are as follows:

Mrs Thompson - Monday and Thursday

Mrs Ponder - Tuesday and Friday

Miss Clarke - Monday and Wednesday

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.

R.E.

In RE, the children will be learning about Diwali. We will discuss how Hindus celebrate Diwali including looking at how houses are decorated during the celebration, and retelling the story of Rama and Sita.

Music.

We will be using the online resource Charanga to teach our music lessons. The children will listen to a variety of music, give their opinion and answer questions about what they listen to and learn different songs

Computing

Our computing studies will link closely to our topic work. We will be using a variety of software and on-line resources to find out information regarding castles. We will develop our word processing skills by using Textease to present our findings on castles. We will be learning about how to give precise instructions in order to program technology, such as, beebots, iPad apps and computer software.

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

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.

PSHE and PATHS

This half term we will be focusing on the 'Golden Rules' and our roles and responsibilities within the class. We will discuss why we have rules and how these help us to stay safe. Our Golden rules are: do be gentle, do be kind and helpful, do work hard, do look after property, do listen to people and do be honest. Please remind your child that these golden rules are always followed in our school.

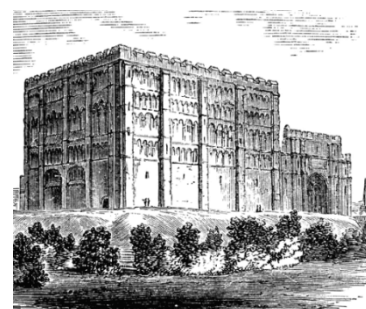
We will be spending time early in the half term developing the children's understanding of school and class council, and then voting for elected members to these councils. In PATHS we will be learning about complimenting each other and thinking about how we can describe our feelings such as happy, sad and excited.

Home Learning

This will be given out on Wednesdays and collected in on Mondays. Each child will be given their own home learning folder and there is a letter on the first page explaining clearly what they need to do. Your support and help with your child's home learning is very much appreciated.



Year 2 Home learning Norwich's Past Topic Autumn 1



<u>Hand out date</u>	<u>Hand in date</u>	<u>Task</u>
11 th Sept	16 th Sept	I can find out about Norwich. E.g. places, people, shops etc.
18 th Sept	24 th Sept	I can find out about parts of a castle.
26 th Sept	30 th Oct	I can make a leaflet, poster or booklet about Norwich.
2 nd Oct	7 th Oct	I can design a shield.
9 th Oct	14 th Oct	I can find objects made out of different materials.

You could... Draw and label pictures

Make a model

Take some photos

Visit the library

Make a video of your medieval performance!

Or just have some amazing, creative ideas of your own!

Remember - be the best learner you can be!

To help your child at home please also hear them read at least three times a week, share stories and books and ask questions about them.

Thank you for your support.

Autumn Term 1 Spellings home learning Year 2

Due to only two days in Week 1, there is no home learning for week 1					
Week 2 - Week beginning 9th Sept 2019					
ai	main	waist	rainstorm	paint	train
	today	of	said	put	
Week 3 - Week beginning 16 th Sept 2019					
ea	treat	speak	dream	repeat	teacher
	says	are	were		
Week 4 - Week beginning 23 rd Sept 2019					
ie	pie	lie	tie	tried	cried
	was	his	has	they	
Week 5 - Week beginning 30 th Sept 2019					
oa	toast	oat	road	coast	toadstool
	come	some	you	your	
Week 6 - Week beginning 7 Oct 2019					
ue	huge	fuse	rescue	queue	due
	love	by	my	here	
Week 7 - Week beginning 14 Oct 2019					
ou	cloud	found	now	crowd	sunflower
	friend	there	where		