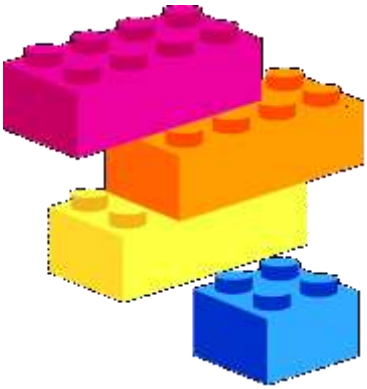
Family Unit Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and are well-rested. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and raring to go!

Our topic this half-term is **TOYS**. We will be looking at a range of fiction books, such as Kipper's Toy Box by Mick Inkpen and Toys in Space by Mini Grey, together with non-fiction books, such as the History of Toys by Stewart Ross. If you have any favourite stories linked to our topic that your child would like to share, please send them in.

In **English**, we will be linking our written activities with our topic and writing things like lists, captions, labels, postcards and posters. In **maths,** we will continue with our focus on 'number': counting, recognising, ordering and writing numbers. As part of our 'space, shape and measures' work we will be looking at properties of shape, building with them and finding shapes in the environment. We will consider time-related language and language related to money. The children will be doing lots of practical activities to assist them with their understanding of maths.



In **phonics**, we will continue with our 'sounds'. We are really impressed at how the children's blending and segmenting skills have improved. They have done extremely well last half-term and no doubt will continue to excel this half-term.

Reminders

- Please send your child in a warm, waterproof coat every day, together with hats and gloves. Having these in school means they can always engage with the outdoor provision.
- Please help your child to learn to put on their coat and shoes to support growing independence.
- The children will continue to receive homework based around their phonics sessions. We are very grateful for your support with homework, as this benefits not only your child's intellectual development, but also has proven benefits socially.

Dates for your diary

27 January 2016 Parents open morning – 9.00am-10.30am
11th February St. Valentine's Service, 9.30 St. Mary's Church
12th February Half-term holiday
22 February 2016 School training day
3rd March Mother's Day Service, 9.30 St. Mary's Church
21st to 31st March Easter themed weeks
Bank holidays 25th March and 28th March
1st April to 15th April Easter holiday

REMEMBER – PLEASE LABEL EVERY ARTICLE OF CLOTHING CLEARLY, AS ITEMS ARE EASILY LOST WHEN THERE IS NOT A NAME.