

# Year 1

## Our topics this term are:

### Toy Story

The class will be focusing on creating time lines of toys. We will be comparing old and new toys and sorting them. Our artistic flair will show through when we are sketching toys and making toys. The children will be delighted to hear they will be creating Lego themed maths activities!

### Roll Up! Roll Up!

The class will be focusing on using historic sources to learn about circuses in the past and present. We will be investigating properties of materials. Making clown collages will be our art work. Roll up, roll up, we will be learning circus skills.

### PSHCE / RE

New Beginnings and Getting On and Falling Out are the topics this term.

In RE will be learning about Judaism and focusing on the Mezuzah. In the second half of the autumn term we will be working on the Christmas story and producing a nativity play.

### Music

Our music will be about recognising and creating different sounds.

The children will also create their own sounds to reflect a mood or lyric.

We will also be singing some songs.

## Term Targets

### Shared targets:

Good behaviour and a positive attitude to learning will be two important targets. We will be improving the content of writing.

Please listen to your child read when you can and write that they have read in their planner as they get rewards in school for this. When they have read 100 times they get to choose a new book to keep. **THEY DO NOT NEED TO READ THE WHOLE BOOK BEFORE YOU SIGN THEIR PLANNER!**

## How can you help at home?



Here are some useful websites to support your child's learning:

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize)

[www.phonicsplay.com](http://www.phonicsplay.com)

[www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

[www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com)

[www.numbergym.co.uk](http://www.numbergym.co.uk) then click schools online then bond builder and the passwords are stlawrencesschool followed by the next password which is york

## Notices

P.E. is on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. Your child's P.E. kit should not go home because sometimes they get extra P.E. slots.

We intend to go on several trips throughout the year. Please talk to your child about good behaviour and listening so that they will be able to attend the trips.

In Year 1 the reward system we use is team points. When they achieve 30 on either of the four challenges they receive the class reward.

Messages written in planners need to be brought to me as so I can check any messages.

A message book sits on the Reception Desk for morning messages to be written in.

Homework is given to your child on a Monday and needs to be returned completed by Thursday. There is a Homework Club available once a week.

## ATTENDANCE!

We have an attendance ladder in Year 1 in order to celebrate great attendance and aim towards 100%. The children stay at the top if they do not miss school. If they miss a day they drop down two steps. If they miss half a day they drop down one step. Help us move on the hall race track by coming to school every day!

Your child needs to bring their book and planner everyday please.

Books and planners have been given out and need to be brought into the classroom in the morning and your child should collect them before home time. Reading books can be changed every day from the coloured box they have been told to choose from. Miss Smith.

## Trips Events

Details will be sent out in a separate letter.

September / October

Explore York (visitor in-to school)

Trip to the Disney Store & Anti gravity shop.

November / December

Sharing Assembly

Christmas play.



Autumn term

# St Lawrence's

## Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1!

Year 1 have started the school year off enthusiastically.

Mrs Thompson and I will be working with Year 1.

Please come and see either of us if you have any questions or concerns.

These are best dealt with as soon as they arise.

Our overarching topics this term is 'Toys' and 'Circus.'

### Literacy



The three main writing genres this term are stories, recounts, and instructions.

We will be focusing on using time connectives to start sentences such as first, next, then, after that, later and finally.

The children are working on spelling words accurately.

Letter formation will also be a main focus.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy we are focusing on embedding the Maths Makes Sense scheme. This is an exciting scheme using cups to aid understanding.

We will be counting, adding and subtracting and ordering numbers to ten, 20 or 100.

Please work on any of these at home with your child.