

# Lexden Primary - Year 2 - Autumn Term

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to the new school year.

Our topic this term is going to be called 'Toy Story.' We will be comparing toys from the past with those of the present. Hopefully, we will be visiting Bethnal Green Toy Museum to learn about toys from the past and to investigate how puppets are made. Our topic launch was on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September where the children experienced traditional games, a teddy bears picnic and enjoyed watching the film Toy Story. The children will be asking you about your favourite childhood toys, if you still have any childhood toys lurking in the loft and do not mind sharing them with us we would be most grateful.

## Reading

Listening to your child read, talking to them about their choice of book and what is happening in the story is a top priority. This should be done preferably daily, but if not at least three times a week. Your child should have 2 reading books. One is a colour band book which should be at their reading level. The other is a 'free reader'. This is a book of their choice which is to be shared with an adult to increase their enjoyment of reading and their vocabulary. While reading either book please ask questions and discuss what is being read.

# Toy Story



## Parent Consultations

You will get a chance to see all your children's work at parent consultations on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

The children will be using their times tables throughout the year, so if you could continue to practise with them at home it would be extremely beneficial.

## In other subjects...

English: We are starting the term with a focus of traditional tales. We will move onto writing instructions and explanation texts.

ICT: We will be exploring algorithms and the children will be using a program called Scratch to produce their own short animation.

Science: We will be learning about the different properties of materials and how materials can change shape.

PE: Multi skills outdoors with a sports coach and dance linked to our topic indoors.

Music: Children will be learning music performance skills.

RE: Special People: Christianity (Visit to local church) Islam

PSHE: This terms topic is called: Me and my family.

## Kit Reminder

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember that PE kit should be dark coloured shorts/training trousers with a white t-shirt.



## HOMEWORK REMINDER

Just to remind you that homework is set on a Thursday and due the following Thursday. Please remember to sign the cover sheet to show that you have checked your child's work.

## Help Wanted

We are always looking for parent volunteers to help on a regular and flexible basis. We need helpers to read with Year 2 and test them on their times tables.

Tuesdays from 1.30

Wednesdays from 1pm until 2pm

If you feel you could spare some time to help please speak to the office staff or Miss Puttick/Mrs Jervis.

