

We hope that this leaflet will give you more of an idea of what your child will be learning about this term. We will also update our Dojo class page with reminders/notices/photographs throughout the week to ensure that you know what we are doing in class. In this leaflet, we have provided some 'Top Tips' to give you ideas on how you can support your child at home. Our Autumn term topic is 'What Shall We Play Today?'

Please come and see us if you have any questions or if you feel you have something to offer to the topic.

Mrs Shakespeare, Mrs Shaw and Miss Muirhead

(Class 1 teachers and Class 1 teaching assistant)

Please listen to your child read on a regular (ideally daily) basis. Please can you write a small comment in the spaces provided in the reading records so we know how your child has got on with the book/any problems they have had. We will have a reward chart for the children so they will continue to be rewarded for reading regularly at home.

Year 1 and 2 will bring spellings home on a Tuesday and the spelling test will then be on the following Monday. Homework for Year 1 and 2 will also be sent home on a Thursday and it needs to be handed in by the following Tuesday.

PE sessions are on a Tuesday and a Friday afternoon and your child will need to wear a full P.E kit into school for these days.

Our library day will be on a Monday and your child can choose a library book to bring home on this day.

# Churcham Primary School



**Class 1**

**Autumn 2024 Overview**

**English:** In English, we will begin by writing about our favourite toys from home. The children will be writing labels and captions for their toys. We will then go onto listening to some stories about toys written by the authors Cressida Cowell and Mini Grey. After that, we will be studying poems by Shirley Hughes and we will then explore the story of 'Dogger' that is also written by Shirley Hughes.

**Top Tip:** Visit a local library and find books written by the authors we will be looking at in class and read these with your child. Talk to your child about your favourite toy when you were younger and talk about how toys have changed over time.

**Topic:** Our topic for this term is 'What Shall We Play Today?' We will be comparing toys from the past to the toys we have now. The children will use a simple timeline to place toys in the order of when they were made/used.

In Art, the children will be sketching pictures of their favourite toys. We will go onto using chinks/charcoal/paints to create representations of their favourite toy. In DT, the children will make a simple moving toy. In PSHE, we will be exploring the relationships the children have with others at school.

**Top Tip:**

Talk to grandparents and older family members and



**Science:** In Science our learning will be linked to Seasonal Changes and this term we will focus on the season of Autumn. We will look for the changes around us that tell us that it is Autumn time. We will be observing the weather and rainfall through practical activities. We will explore how the day length is affected by the seasons. We will also look at how the different seasons affect different animals.

**Top tip:** Discuss the weather with your child. You could talk about suitable clothes for different weathers. Go for a walk and see if you can spot signs of Autumn.

The website below has some lovely ideas that you might like to try while out and about. If you try any ideas such as making an autumn leaf crown or leaf animals etc, it would be lovely if you send in a photo on Class Dojo for us to see.

<https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activitymenu/?cat=autumn>

**RE:** In R.E, we will look at the religion of Christianity. We will explore who Christians believe made the world through exploring

**Maths:** In Maths, Year 1 will be looking at place value within 10 before moving onto addition and Year 2 will focus on multiplication and division within 50, before moving onto place value within 100. We will be counting, reading, and writing the numbers, representing numbers using different resources and comparing numbers and groups of objects. Reception children will be exploring pattern, shape, comparing amounts and learning numbers through play.

**Top Tip:** Talk about numbers in the environment with your child when you are out and about, such as on houses, road signs and in the supermarkets. A useful maths website that you might like to look at with your child

discuss what their toys were like. How were the toys different to the toys the children play with now?



the story of creation and retelling the story through creative ways.

**ICT:** In ICT, we will be talking about how to stay safe on the internet. We will also be learning how to log into Purple Mash and how to create avatars. We will explore the different tools and games in Purple Mash and learn how to save our work.

**Music:** In Music, our learning will be focused on the song 'Rhythm in the way we walk' which is a reggae style song which originates in Jamaica. We will listen to the song and talk about the style, vocals, instruments used and also the tempo of the song.

which has a fantastic selection  
of maths linked games.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

