

# Curriculum Newsletter

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## Fireflies Class



### Toys

**As Readers** we will be learning the traditional story, The Three Bears and reading instructions. We will be retelling both types of text using story or text maps and actions. We will learn about how the layout of instructions differs to that of a story and about the types of sentences used. We will identify how time connectives such as 'next', 'then', 'finally' are used in both types of text.



**As Writers** we will be practising sentence composition using imperative verbs, time connectives and adjectives. We will create a toolkit for instruction writing and write our own set of instructions to solve a problem for Baby Bear. Together we will write our own version of The Three Bears.

**As Mathematicians** we will be practising our number facts and using them to solve addition and subtraction calculations. We will learn about how time is measured and begin to use an analogue clock to tell the time. We will also investigate finding fractions of shapes and of collections of objects by sharing them into equal groups. We will learn about multiplication by counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and how to double numbers.



**As Scientists** we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be looking at similarities and differences between animals and humans including skeletons, how we can tell what they eat, life cycles and where we all fit in food chains. We continue to learn about seasonal change, investigating what we can see and feel and collecting data about the weather to see if we can find patterns over time.

**As Explorers** we will be learning about the history of toys within living memory. We will study and sort toys by age and we will consider what materials modern and old toys are made from, and investigate how they are powered. We will talk about the advantages and disadvantages of different toys and talk to the adults around us about the toys that they played with as children.



**As Artists and Designers** we will be learning about slider mechanisms. We will experiment with different sliders and straight, curved and wavy slots. We will investigate magic sliders and using what we have learnt we will design and construct a slider mechanism Christmas card.

**As Olympians** we will be learning to roll, balance, jump and land as gymnasts. We will work on developing our balance on the floor and on equipment and experiment with different ways of moving. We will also learn to roll and jump in different ways, considering how we might 'join' these movements together to form a fluid sequence of movements. We will work alone and in pairs or small groups to develop and then perform routines that use all the skills that we have learnt.



**PE kits should be worn for school every Monday please.**

**We will also be completing some lessons based around the NSPCC Pants campaign, which is intended to ensure all children understand how to keep themselves safe. Further information can be found on the website below and we are happy to answer any questions that you may have. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>**

**This overview is intended to give you a flavour of what we will be learning this half term. If your child would like to share any learning that they have done at home, please feel free to send it into school or post photographs on Class Dojo so that we can celebrate their achievements.**