






# Hawthorn and Poplar Curriculum Newsletter, Autumn 2 2021

<p><b>English</b></p> <p>In English we will continue to focus on basic sentence structure including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.</p> <p>Our texts in English will support our topic. We will read and explore Knuffle Bunny, Dogger and Lost in the Toy Museum. This will support our learning in history when we look at the changes within living memory with a focus on toys from the past and present.</p> 	<p><b>Diary Dates</b></p> <p>Back to school – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November          School Photos – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November          Flu Immunisation - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December          KS1 Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December          Last day of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December          INSET day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022          Back to school – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In maths we will continue to build on our learning of number and place value. We will learn to count, read and write numbers to 20 in numerals and words. We shall learn to find one more and one less than a number. We shall start to solve addition and subtraction problems and write number calculations of our own. We will also be exploring and learning the names of 3D and 2D shapes.</p> 
<p><b>Terrific Toys</b></p> <p>Terrific Toys is our topic for this half term. We will explore festivals including bonfire night and of course Christmas! We will look at why these festivals are celebrated and the different events that happen during this time. With Christmas fast approaching, we will also be looking at toys from the past and present, comparing how things have changed within living memory.</p> 	<p><b>Year 1 Hawthorn and Poplar Newsletter Terrific Toys - Autumn 2 2021</b></p>  <p>Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a good rest over the half term holidays. We are very excited about the new half term and learning about our Terrific Toy topic.</p>	<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>Your child will bring home a phonically decodable book or sheet related to their phonics lessons. Your child will have practised reading this in their phonics lessons and need to continue practising at home to build on their expression and fluency. In addition, we will continue to give your child a shared reading book for you to enjoy with your child.</p> <p>Some words are not phonetically decodable. These are called <b>common exception words</b> and are necessary for fluent reading and writing. They are listed as RED words in the Read, Write, Inc books. Please practise these as well.</p> <p>Please continue to write in your child's reading record once you have heard them read or have completed the sharing book. Please ensure your child brings in their book bag every day.</p>
<p><b>Art/DT/Music/RE/PSHE</b></p> <p>As artists we will be creating firework pictures and paper fish kites. We will also look at illustrations by Mo Willems (Knuffle Bunny) and use these to inspire us to make our own pictures. In music we will learn new songs and start to explore different musical instruments. In RE we will be thinking about why Christmas is important to Christians. In PSHE our topic is celebrating differences and will talk about how we are all unique.</p>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>The children will be learning about keeping their bodies healthy, why we need to warm up when we exercise and continuing to develop their skills. They will be learning attacking and defending skills and ball control through football.</p> <p><b>Hawthorn:</b> Football coach – Monday Mr Croucher – Thursday</p> <p><b>Poplar:</b> Football coach – Monday Mr Croucher – Thursday</p>	<p><b>Christmas and Nativity</b></p> <p>Due to continued COVID 19 restrictions, our Christmas Nativity Play Performance will have to be a little different this year... - details to follow.</p>  <p>We will also be having a Key Stage One Christmas Fun and Activity morning in the last week of term – details to follow.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>In science we will explore different materials and learn about their properties. We will observe how toy materials have changed over time and will investigate which materials are waterproof. We will also look at the changes that occur as we move from autumn into winter.</p>	<p>Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing. Children should wear school uniform everyday unless on a PE day where they should wear their school PE kit.</p>	