



## Reception Newsletter



### Welcome to Klee Class!

#### We will be learning:

This half term we are learning about toys!. This includes sharing our favourite toys and learning about toys of the past, looking at different materials and what different toys are made from.

#### English

Phonics – We will be using Little Wandle to learn the rest of phase 2 as well as consolidating knowledge from last half term. We will be continuing to blend sounds to read words and short phrases.

Key Texts:

- Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson
- Stanley's Stick by John Hegley
- Jack and the Bean Stalk

The children will retell these stories, share what they like and dislike about them and innovate them to make them their own.

#### Mathematics

We will be delving further into numbers 1 to 5, looking at how they're made, one more, one less. We will start exploring a world of shape and spotting them in the world around us. We will also be recognising different times of day and activities that happen at these times.

#### Key Vocabulary:

**Maths** – one, two, three, four, five, square, circle, rectangle, triangle,  
**English** – grapheme, phoneme, word, sentence, title, author, illustrator  
**Topic** – Angry, worried, upset, positive, negative, wooden, plastic, metal, Diwali, Hinduism, Sikhism, Hanukkah, Jewish, Christmas, Christians

### Autumn 2 2024 – What makes toys special?

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will continue exploring emotion and identifying different emotions. We will discuss how our actions effect other people both positively and negatively. As adults in school, we identify our emotions with the children on a daily basis so they can start recognising emotions of others. The children would all benefit from seeing emotions identified in different scenarios for themselves and for others. 'I can see you're feeling ----- because -----'

#### Expressive Art and Design

We are going to be exploring different materials and how they can be manipulated. We will be looking at toys of the past and present. Discussing how they are different and how they are the same.

#### Understanding the World

We are going to be exploring and celebrating different cultures. We will explore the world of Diwali and Mrs Singh will be teaching us about how she celebrates. We will then explore Christmas, we will discuss how these are celebrated by differently across the world and how not everyone celebrates occasions in the same way.

#### Other news

Monday – Muddy Mondays  
Tuesday – Art  
Wednesday – Library  
Thursday – PE with Mr Yeomans!  
Friday – PSHE

We will be doing a Christmas play this half term. Letter about costumes and performances will follow.