

Broomhill First School



This half term's topic for the Little Owls is...

Let's Look in the Toy Box!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be encouraged to play together by sharing toys and taking turns. They will be given opportunities to bring in toys from home and will learn to respect other children's toys. We will do lots of exciting circle time activities to encourage children to maintain their attention. Children will learn about feelings as they use role play to say what makes teddy feel happy or sad.



Language & Communication

Children will be given the opportunity to bring their favourite toy in to show the class. They will be encouraged to talk about their toy, listen to others and answer questions. Children will use language to describe appearance of toys and play guessing games with friends. We will play games to promote the use of positional language (behind, next to, under etc.) as we hide the teddy for others to find.

Helping at Home



Singing - Sing nursery rhymes and number rhymes together encouraging your child to add actions and new verses.

Talking - Ask your child about their day at school and encourage them to listen and take turns in conversation.

Talking Books - Have a go at the activity each week with your child. Talk about what you are doing so that your child will be able to talk about what you have done in class.

Maths - Count their toys, how many cars do they have? Count the steps. Look for numbers anywhere around you and see if your child can recognise them. Help your child understand the concept of heavier and lighter by comparing the weight of household objects in their hands or on simple scales.

Writing - Develop their fine motor skills fastening buttons and picking up small objects, which will in turn develop their tripod pencil grip.

Imaginative Play - Play with your child and their toys. Encourage them to use their imagination to go on adventures and talk in role as they play.

Old toys - Talk to your child about the toys you played with as a child. If you still have any of those toys look at them together.



Physical Development

Children will develop fine motor skills by dressing dolls and manipulating small toys as they play. Children will develop gross motor skills as they represent robots, jack-in-the-box, and puppets through dances and movement using dynamics of fast/slow, jerky/smooth, tense/floppy etc.

Yoga will continue on a Friday.

Important Dates

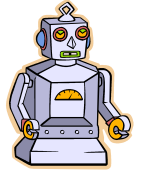
Christmas Fair - 24th November, 5.30pm
Christmas Stay and Play - 13th December
We hope you can come and join us.

Mathematics

Children will count toys into the toy box and learn to match the numerals. They will fill in favourite toy surveys on clipboards. They will sort the plastic teddies by size or colour and will compare the weights of toys and solve problems. As we get closer to Christmas we will also look at the shape of presents, sort them and compare size and weigh them.

Understanding the World

Children will not only look at the toys in nursery but will compare them to toys of babies and older children to understand how and why children play with different toys as they grow up. They may also recall toys they used to play with. Children will learn about toys from the past - those that their parents/grandparents may have played with. We will play with programmable toys in ICT and we will learn how to use a remote control to move a toy. They will also think about how toys are made or how they work and move.



Literacy

We will introduce the topic through lovely toy themed stories and songs, such as 10 in a Bed, Dogger and Where's My Teddy. Children will be able to retell the stories with pictures, puppets and props. They will be encouraged to join in with repeated phrases and use them in their role play. Children will also participate in phonics activities, practising listening skills and exploring sounds both with our voices and with instruments. Older children will be encouraged to practise writing their name and forming recognisable letters.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will enjoy spending time in our role play areas as they get busy fixing broken toys in the toy hospital and explore circus toys in Big Owls. As we get nearer to Christmas children will explore role play within a stable and Santa's workshop. Children will experiment with paint, collage and junk modelling to make artwork. We will also be learning some great songs for Christmas.

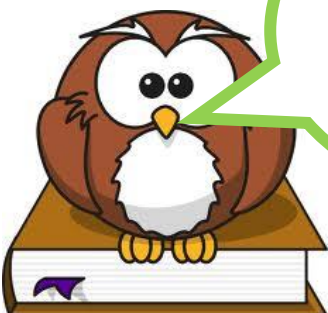


Wellies and Spare Clothes

As we encourage activities outside in all weathers it would be great if your child could have a pair of wellies in school. Also please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg at all times in case of any accidents.



Please help your child to choose a library book from the box in nursery. Take a new book home to share and read together.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We would also like to thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us.

Thank you very much for reading our information letter.

Miss Carrick, Mrs Brindle, Mrs Colbourn and Miss Elliot