



# Class 2

## Spring 1 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break and the children are refreshed and ready for a new term. I look forward to welcoming the class back to school tomorrow with lots of exciting learning planned. We are delighted to let you know that a student teacher, Miss Boyd, will be working with us for the term.

Our topic this half term is '**Toys.**' The children will be learning about popular toys today and how trends and toys have changed over time. Links will be made across the curriculum areas, including thinking about the materials toys are made from in our science lessons. In our literacy we will be reading an adventure story called '*Traction Man is Here*' by Mini Grey. This vibrant story will be sure to inspire some great writing and drama.

To make the lessons more meaningful and engaging I would like each child to bring in one toy to our first history lesson on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. The toy will be returned home at the end of the day. The children will look at the toys during the lesson, investigating the purpose of it, who the toy appeals to and what it is made of. If your child has a favourite toy that is too delicate/precious/expensive to be brought into school then please provide a photograph or an alternative toy for them to share.

In addition to this, I would be very grateful if any parent or grandparent would be willing to come in to school to talk about their favourite toy from their childhood. The toy or a picture of the toy would be fantastic! The children will be generating questions to ask any visitors we have. Ideally this lesson would take place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the afternoon from 1.15pm**. Please let me know in person or by email or phone if you or a family member can help. If you are unable to come in but would like to take part please fill in the form attached about your favourite toy. The children will be using this information during the lesson.

Finally, if anyone has any action men/women toys that could be lent to the class please bring them in! Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Croft

