



# The Grove Primary School

## Early Years

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, Reception children have enjoyed sharing their holiday news and talking about their new toys. We opened our own Toy Shop in class where we learnt about different coins and using money to pay for items. The children thought of lots of questions about toys. This led on to finding out about toys from around the world and what our parents and grandparents might have played with. We also learnt about the different materials toys are made of and how lots of our new toys are made of plastic whereas toys from the past were made of natural materials.

The children enjoyed finding out who borrowed toys from our Toy Shop and luckily the office staff read our wanted posters and found the box of toys that were missing. The mice wrote us a letter explaining that they are very sorry and it will not happen again!

We are getting very good at solving problems now - the children had to find a way to rescue our old bear from the top of the cupboards. This led to some fantastic writing of maps, instructions and model making to find out a way to help him. Luckily the children discovered a safe way to get him down!

We have now completed Phase 2 of our phonics and are progressing through Phase 3. Soon after half term we will have completed all the sounds in Phase 3. We will continue to use these sounds and tricky words to help us with reading and writing a simple sentence. At home please continue reading the Phase 3 tricky words on the book marks and move onto spelling the tricky words in Phase 2. With daily practice of reading at home, the children are developing confidence and enjoyment with their reading. This is very encouraging to see.

We continue to send out homework each Friday, so please ensure their homework folders are handed into the homework box and home learning is completed.

We would love for you to help in class; please talk to us about your availability.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Rowell and Mrs Darmanin

### Topics

After half term, we will be learning about Fairy Tales and Traditional Tales. It would be helpful if you read different fairy tales at home so that children can start to get familiar with the rhythm and rhyme used in Fairy Tales. We will be learning about rhyme, exploring good and bad characters, learning to re-tell stories and changing parts of the story to develop our imagination. We will learn about the changing seasons; observing signs of Spring.

After the Easter holiday, we will be thinking about people who help us, leading into our topic on mini beasts in Summer 2.

### Dates for the Diary

#### February

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Internet Safety Day

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** School disco

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** INSET

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Parents evening:  
15.30-18.30

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Parents evening:  
15.30-18.30

#### March

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Dress up for World Book Day (details to be confirmed at a later date)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Windsor Class Assembly  
2.45pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Reception/Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly 9.15am

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Mums for our Mother's Day Assembly. We would like to invite you to stay afterwards for a cake that the children would have baked in class.

## Problem Solving



Helping to rescue Old Bear!

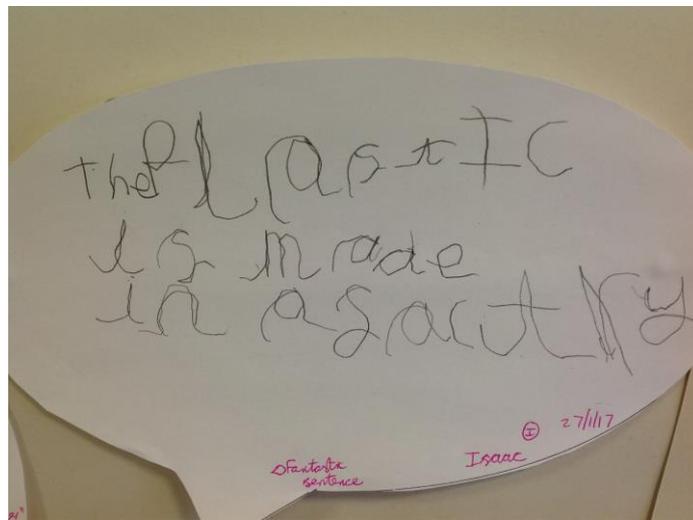
Our plans to help rescue Old Bear.

## Toys from the Past





**Writing about things we have learnt about toys**



**Come in to see all of the things we now know about toys!**