

**Literacy  
Phonics**

The children have been working so hard on their spelling at home recently. We have been really impressed with their results ☺ thank you for your support. We will continue to work on digraphs and trigraphs then move on to blends in words (when constantans are together like in the word lamp) We are also now expecting children to use these spelling patterns in their writing.

**Literacy  
Reading and Writing**

We are excited to be sharing some super texts all about Toys and Christmas with the children this half term! These will include The Brown Paper Bear, Christmas at the Toy museum and Kippers Toybox. We are planning lots of lovely drama around the stories and are hoping for some super writing as a result!

The children will be able to change their books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Until children reach Orange level we would like them to read each book twice. Please try to hear your children read often. Even just a couple of pages at a time as this really does have a huge impact on their progress. Please make sure you write in their reading record when they have read to you so that we know they are ready to change their books. Thank you for your help and support with this.

**Maths**

In maths, the children will be using the part whole model to represent and record addition, and related subtraction facts for numbers up to 10. The children will explore how to solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and missing number problems. Number fluency will include building on these addition and related number facts as well as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will also continue to count in 1s forwards and backwards to 100 starting from different numbers crossing the multiples of 10.



**Science  
Materials**

We will be working on identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock distinguishing between an object and the material from which it is made. We will compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

**PE**

**Gymnastics and Multiskills**

The children will have one PE session with their teacher where we they will be focussing on Gymnastics. Or this session we will visit the junior School Hall. Children will work on making and holding shapes with their body and on travelling in a variety of ways.

The children will have another PE session with their sports coaches which will focus on Multiskills.

**Poplar** - Tuesday and Friday

**Pine** – Tuesday and Wednesday

**Rowan** Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure your child has a named P.E kit in school at all times including jogging bottoms to wear outside if it is cold. Please ensure names are also in sports shoes.

**PSHE  
Safety**

The children will take part in Road Safety week. We will be learning about the different types of crossing and reminding the children to try to cross the road at a crossing while holding an adult's hand. We will roleplaying how to cross the road safely.

**RE**

**What do Christians believe about Jesus?**

We will be finding out about Christmas through Christians eyes. We will learn that Advent is the time before Christmas when Christians get ready for Jesus coming. We will work on recalling Bible stories associated with the birth of Jesus.



**History**

**Changes in living memory; Toys.**

We are very much looking forward to exploring the Toys from the Past we have borrowed from heritage loans. The children will get chance to hold and touch the toys and think about how they differ to the toys of today. We will be setting the toys up in the hall in order to replicate the experience of visiting a museum. We will also be working on using words and phrases relating to the passing of time.



In the lead up to Remembrance Day we have been finding out about World War 1 and 2 and learn what the word 'commemorate' means. We have looked at time lines and considered event's that have happened 'within' and 'beyond' living Memory. We have used pictures and artefacts from the past to help us find out about the First World War as this happened 'Beyond Living Memory'.

**Design Technology  
Levers and sliders**

The children will be exploring the moving parts of new and old toys in order to understand different mechanisms. They will be using this knowledge to design and create their very own moving picture. The will then evaluate their creation.

The children will also have the opportunity to partake in artwork linked to special diary dates such as Fireworks, Remembrance and of course Christmas!

