# Butterflies Class Important information





# Autumn term theme: 'Toys through the Years'

If your child would like to bring any books, artefacts or information that could help us with our topic, this would be great but please make sure they are clearly labelled so they can be returned.

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, we hope you all had a good rest.

## Overview:

Please find enclosed information regarding topics and timetables. The theme for this term is 'Toys Through the Years'. On the overview opposite, you will see the themes that your child will be working on, and the other curriculum areas which will also be covered. Communication is very important between home and school and at Stepgates Community School, we want you to be fully informed.

## Home Learning:

Further details will be sent out shortly regarding the expectations for home learning for this academic year.

#### School Uniform:

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform at all times and on Monday, when Year 1 have PE, your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit, which includes clothes for warmth as we will be holding sessions outside where possible. Please make sure your child's clothes are labelled as it is easy for them to mix up jumpers etc. Forest Schools kit lists for sessions this year can also be obtained from Miss Dyos, Forest Schools leader if required. Further information regarding Forest Schools sessions will be issued in due course, as we do not normally do this until Spring or Summer Term.

<u>Water Bottles</u>: Even though the weather is cooler, please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water, clearly labelled with their name, into class to ensure they can have a drink during lesson time and throughout the day.

<u>Meet the Teacher</u> - On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an opportunity to attend a "Meet the Teacher" meeting to talk about the expectations in Year 1 and any other topics you wish to know more about. Please note, I will be unable to answer specific concerns regarding individual children at this time - if you wish to speak in greater detail about matters concerning your child, an additional meeting will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time. For full information about forthcoming important dates for the school year, please refer to our website and our fortnightly "Headlines" newsletter.

All staff have high expectations of the children in Butterflies and wish to celebrate their success. Your child will be rewarded in class with stickers, certificates and raffle tickets. We also have class points for a treat with the jar is filled. These rewards will be given for effort and good behaviour and we know that you will enjoy sharing their achievements. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we look forward to seeing you later on in the term. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me directly on the email address listed below. I will endeavour to reply or acknowledge all your emails within 24 hours of receiving them as I do not have access to my emails away from school. Yours faithfully, Mr St-Gallay

<b>English</b> Books: 1) Lost in the Toy Museum & 2) The Paper Dolls Mapping out stories Re-writing stories Re-writing stories with the child's own twist	<b>Maths</b> Place Value within 10 Addition and Subtraction within 10	<b>Science</b> The Human Body Eyes Ears Nose Mouth Touch
<b>Computing</b> Computer Safety Logging on	<b>DT</b> Fabric Faces	<b>Art</b> <u>Artist of the month:</u> Sept - Pablo Picasso Oct - Stephen McMennamy Nov - Paul Clay Dec - Raymond Briggs
<b>History</b> Toys in the past Toys now Toys in the future Designing our own toys	<b>Geography</b> Visit to Wellington Country Park Seasons	<b>PE</b> How the body moves Different speeds Different movements
<b>RE</b> Harvest Christmas	<b>PSHE</b> <u>Jigsaw</u> • Being Me in My World • Celebrating Difference	<b>Music</b> <u>Composer of the month:</u> Sept – John Williams Oct – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Nov – Bob Marley Dec – Bing Crosby

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