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## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely summer break and an enjoyable time with your children.

Here at Clenchwarton Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the two topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through during the next few weeks.

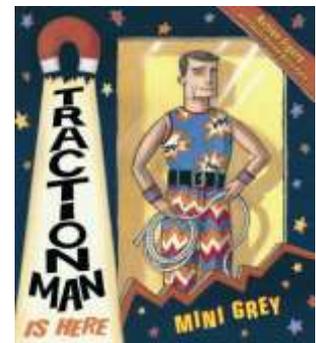
Our class topic until half term is '**Toys in the past and toys now**'

**Literacy** - Fiction '**Traction Man**' and **Non-fiction** writing Labels and c museum,

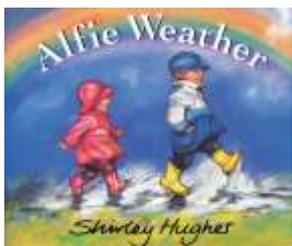
**Maths** – Number and place value, mass/weight, 2D and 3D shape, Col multiplication and Division.

**Science** – We will be looking at '**Everyday materials**'.

**History** - We will be looking at toys in our past and toys now.



Our class topic from half term, until Christmas, is '**Blown away**'.



**Literacy** – Poetry - Present poems & become '**poetry stars**'.

**Non-fiction** - Use maps to recall the sequence & ask questions about events. Write a diary entry.

**Maths** – Length and Mass/weight, addition and subtraction, fractions, Position and subtraction, time and a Assess and Review week.

**Science** – We will be looking at weather, seasons, hot and cold places.

**Geography** – We will be thinking about Seasonal & daily weather patterns

### **Homework**

Homework is given as an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed (please don't do it for them!). A homework folder, containing the work, will be sent home on a **THURSDAY** evening. Please bring the folder to school EVERY **Thursday**, in the plastic bag provided.

### **Spellings and phonics**

Shortly your child will receive their spelling folder. Spellings are part of the weekly homework. Please help your child to learn the spellings each week (they will follow a spelling pattern each



week) and return the folder back to school on a THURSDAY, ready for the test. Please encourage your child to use cursive writing.

### **P.E.**

P.E. is on a Tuesday afternoon this half term. A full P.E. kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should be kept in school at all times. Please make sure that your child's plimsolls still fit! Swimming sessions start hopefully next Wednesday. Please make sure that your child is wearing loose clothes (no tights) that have been named! Earrings must be removed. If your child wishes to wear goggles I will need a letter giving permission for the rest of the year.

### **Book bags and word cards**

Please remember to encourage your child to bring in their book bags and word cards every day. Although it isn't possible for us to hear them read their books or word cards every day, we do try our very best to squeeze this in whenever there is a spare moment! We do make the most of our reading buddies from Year 6, and we will be recording guided reading sessions in them as well. Please feel free to remove the word cards from their tag and muddle them up, especially if you feel that your child is learning them in order!

If you (or a grandparent, etc.) have any spare time (on a regular basis) and feel that you could help listen to children read, please come and see me.

As there are so many identical blue book bags, it is a good idea to 'decorate' your child's book bag with a key ring, or stickers, etc. That way your child can find their folder at a glance.

### **Reading**

Every Monday we ask the children in Year 1 to give us their reading records at the beginning of the day. If they have read **at home** at **least 3 times**, in the previous week, then we will reward them with a star at the top of the page. Therefore please help your child by filling in their reading record when they have read at home. It can be **ANY** book, not just their reading book or library book.

### **Labels**

There are still lots of jumpers, plimsolls, water bottles and other items that have not been labelled. Are your child's belongings clearly named?

### **Water bottles**

We send home the water bottles on a Friday night to be washed – if you wish to take them home on a more frequent basis, then I don't mind. They wash up wonderfully in the dishwasher. **PLEASE** send them back to school every Monday full of nice, clean water (no squash!). New bottles / lids can be purchased from the school office. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A WATER BOTTLE IN CLASS** – just in case they do feel thirsty.

### **Trips**

We are off to the King's Lynn Museum to look at 'Toys throughout Time' on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October half of the children from year 1 will be attending an Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport. If your child isn't chosen this time, they get the chance to go in the summer term.

I hope you have found this letter useful. Additional letters will be sent home in the following terms to update you on new topics and class information. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an after-school appointment.

If you have any other issues, please feel free to pop in after school. I am sure that you will understand that the last few minutes before school in the morning, are a bit frantic.

Yours sincerely,  
**Mrs Preston**  
**Class Teacher**