



Reception Spring 1



What we will be learning about:

How things work. We will begin with how toys move and what they are made of.

Fab finish: Make a toy that can move!

Expressive Arts and Design
 Draw, paint and collage teddies.
 Construct using junk modelling and construction toys.
 Explore different ways of playing an instrument and create musical patterns.

Personal, social and emotional
 Being healthy and keeping safe:
 Learning about using medicines safely
 Learning how to say 'no' when you need to
 Washing hands and looking after themselves
 Internet safety

Communication, Language and Literacy
 Books: The Three Billy goats; Old Bear; Jolly Tall;; Izzy Gizmo.
 Begin to read and write simple sentences
 Use phonic knowledge to read and spell
 Read and write some common words
 Name and sound the alphabet
 Talk about characters/events

Physical
 Multiskills - rolling and tracking a ball, aiming, bouncing, throwing. Know the importance of exercise and healthy diet. Form most letters correctly.

Knowledge of the World
 Explore toys and how they work. Explore flying things. Find out about electricity and everyday machines and inventions. Explore bridges.
 Explore different materials and their properties.
 Light and dark.

Mathematical
 Explore the composition of numbers to 7 and comparing sets of numbers using more than, fewer than and equal to.
 Match numerals to quantities within 5.
 Compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes *within* it, just as numbers can.
 Begin to recognise, name and describe 3D Shapes
 Pattern
 Capacity
 Weight

The big question: How does it work?

Philosophy for children
Concepts:
 Social: Difference and fairness
 British values: Mutual respect
Skills: Staying focused on the subject

How you can help

- Continue to read lots of stories to your child
- Practice reading and phonics with your child every day
- Help your child to practice letter and number formation
- Help your child to practice writing simple words and sentences
- Find information books in the library

Reminders

- **PE** - Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesday** and **Fridays** (they will wear it all day so they do not need to bring in a change of clothes).
- Make sure all clothes are named – including scarves, hats and gloves!

New Vocabulary
 Hard, soft, fluffy, wooden, plastic, metal, push, pull, battery, electricity, slide, move, press, squeeze