

# STEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone enjoyed time with their families over the holidays and everyone comes back refreshed and charged up to tackle Spring Term.

## Maths and English lessons

Children will be taught in ability groups for some of their Maths and English lessons using a concrete, pictorial, abstract approach. This is to enable us to best meet the requirements of the individual. Where possible, some areas within these lessons may be linked to our topic.

In English, we shall be using a variety of different books and texts to develop our reading, understanding of language and our writing. We will be looking at different types of text that we can write and write our own, mostly based on our topic.

In Maths we shall continue to build on the skills from the Autumn Term alongside new techniques including a more in-depth look at multiplication and division and strategies to use, measurement including height, weight and volume and we will cover fractions as well.

The children will continue to learn their times tables and number bond facts, alongside regular reading, phonics and spelling opportunities. Help at home with all these activities is always important to children's progress.

## Topic

This term the class topic will be focusing on Toys. This could be a massive topic so we will focus on small sections in greater detail. We will have an overview of the history of toys from Victorian times through to today and look at the history of the teddy bear and where the name comes from. Lego is a popular toy and certainly is so



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in Owls this year, so we will look at the origins of the toy and as part of Literacy we will write instructions to build a model. We will undertake a science investigation thinking about what a good material for a toy is and why, focusing on staying waterproof.

### Art

We will be exploring the later works of one of my favourite artists, Piet Mondrian. We'll look at his work and discuss the medium he works in and his inspiration during his abstract period. If all goes well you should have a wonderful canvas coming home to hang in pride of place.

### PE

Aspire will continue on Thursday mornings. We will also attempt to create a class dance as toys who come to life when their owner leaves the room!

### RE

We will look at who Noah was and in the run up to the Easter holidays we will discuss the Easter story, the celebrations and their meaning.

### PSHCE

In this area of the curriculum taught by Mrs Strachan, we will be looking at family and friends and hygiene.

A reminder that PE kits should be in school at all times and not just Thursdays please. I timetable in another PE lesson a week. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible and keep practising times tables and/or number bonds at home. We look forward to an exciting term with your children.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Cella