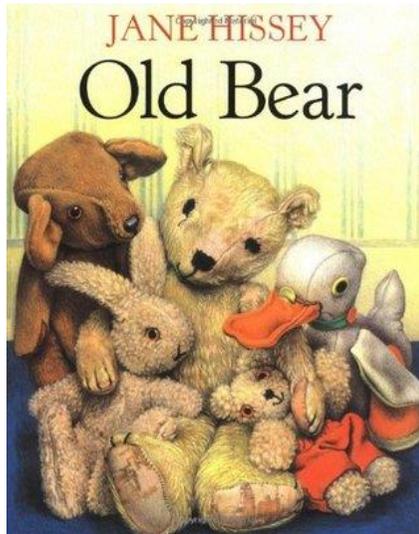


KS1 Autumn 2019 Newsletter

WELCOME TO KS1

All the children have begun to settle into their new classes and are spending the first 2 weeks **Learning to Learn**. This involves reminders about the expectations for work, presentation, handwriting, behaviour, routines and how we move around the school. We are learning the value of making mistakes, having a go and persevering at tasks which reflect our 'We Can' values. We have some drama workshops and story-telling sessions booked in too, which support building new relationships within the class. How exciting!

Independence skills are also important to set out at the start of the year too and you can support us with this by encouraging your children to come into the cloakroom and hang their coats and bags on their own. We also expect the children to be able to change their reading book independently when they arrive in the classroom. We are pleased to see so many children independently changing for PE – thank you!



Toy Story

Our topic this term is Toy Story where we will be finding out about toys old and new. We want the children to explore the changes in toys over time as part of their historical understanding and to employ their DT skills in designing and making their own sock puppets. All children will need to **bring in one old sock (freshly washed!)**, preferably an adult sock, ready to sew after half term (we will be collecting them before half term). Any pattern or colour will do!

The written work this term will focus on the authors Shirley Hughes and Jane Hissey. We will be looking at their stories, the characters and their illustrations to support both Literacy and art work. We are very fortunate to have author and illustrator Jane Hissey visiting us later in the term! She will be bringing in her original toy characters, some of her illustrations and she will be sharing with the children how she gets her ideas for her stories. Her books are so successful that she wrote episodes for TV (which went on to win a BAFTA). Please find out more about Old Bear and his friends by going to Jane's website <https://www.janehissey.co.uk> where there are links to the TV episodes that you can share.

Lyndhurst Toy Museum

To help bring our toy topic to life, we would like to set up a **Lyndhurst Toy Museum** in school later this half term. We are asking if anyone has any old toys at home that they would be happy to have on display in school for a couple of days. These toys will be viewed and discussed but not handled. Please ask Grandparents and older relatives as well. If you have something to offer, please let the class teacher know as soon as possible. Alternatively if you have any old photos of parents/grandparents with a childhood toy please either photocopy them or send them in named for display.

