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Dear Parents,

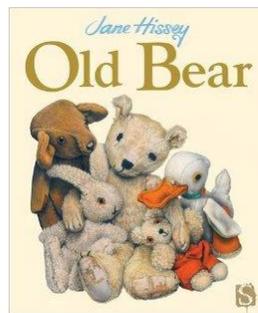
## YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great holiday. What an exciting term we have coming up! We are lucky to have Mr Walsh joining us as a student teacher until Christmas.

Our class topic is *A Victorian Childhood* and we will be looking at Victorian schools and toys, through our History, English and Art lessons. We will be having a visit from a Victorian teacher from the Freshwater Theatre Group, where we will be able to see what it was like to be in a Victorian school (don't worry there won't be any Victorian punishments!)

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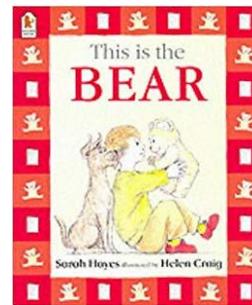
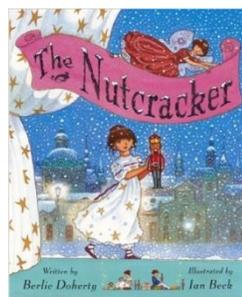
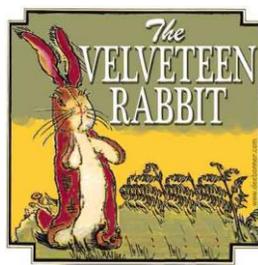
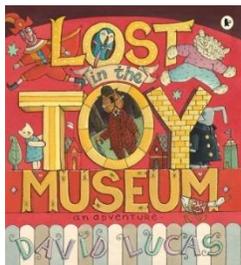
This term's key texts are *Old Bear* and *Traction Man is Here*.



'Traction Man' will be our text from Week 3. Please do not pre-read it as we will be unfolding the story slowly in the next two weeks. Do not worry if the children know it already.

We will be working on different aspects of grammar, punctuation and spelling this term. We will be focusing on using full stops, capital letters, apostrophes in contractions, starting sentences with verbs and adverbs ('power openers') and identifying different sentences: statement, question, exclamation and command. Please use [IXL](#) to work on activities related to the Year 2 grammar and punctuation. The children will be working on writing stories using 'VCOP' (ambitious Vocabulary, Connectives: *but, so, when, because, if*. Openers: time openers and power openers. Punctuation !. ', " ")

Other key texts: There are so many fiction and non-fiction books about toys and Victorian schools. Here are some we will be reading:



Your child may bring in artefacts or books related to this topic if they want to show them or put them on our classroom displays. Please make sure they are named.

### Art:

This half term we are doing a unit on textiles. We will be working towards designing and making a hand puppet out of felt.

### **Computing:**

This term we are learning about coding and algorithms (impressive stuff!)

We are going to be astronauts and will be learning about how to control a rocket or character on a computer using instructions and turning these instructions into codes.

### **Mathematics:**

In the first half of this term we will be focusing on measurement, graphs and multiplication and division. Here are some of the learning objectives for Year 2:

#### ***Measurement: length and mass***

- Choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm) and mass (kg/g) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers and scales.
- Compare and order length and mass and record the results using  $>$   $<$  and  $=$ .

#### ***Graphs***

- Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables.
- Ask and answer simple questions by counting the number of objects in each category and sorting the categories by quantity.
- Ask and answer questions about totaling and comparing categorical data

#### ***Multiplication and Division***

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
- Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication ( $\times$ ), division ( $\div$ ) and equals ( $=$ ) sign.
- Solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.
- Show that the multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot.

### **Uniform:**

Please make sure all uniform and PE kit is labelled. PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, as we will now be having Multi-Sports with a Sports coach on Mondays. Please ensure full kit is in school; see the school website if you are unsure. Please ensure that as the weather gets colder that the children come into school with appropriate coat, scarf and gloves. These need to be black or navy blue and labeled clearly. Plus a reminder that all children need be wearing school shoes not trainers or boots at school.

If you would like to have a meeting please book an appointment with me for after school. I am available Wednesdays and Thursdays, or if you need to pass on a quick message feel free to catch me or Miss Emery in the playground.

Thank you for all your support. I look forward to another great term with the class.

Your sincerely  
Miss L Pike  
Year 2 Class Teacher.