

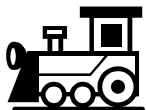
**Role Play and Outdoor Area:** Our role play areas have been transformed into a toys picnic area and Fenwicks toy department. The sand and water trays are also available for the children to delve into throughout the day and we have time to use the outdoor area as well - just like in the Early Years Unit!

# TOYS

**Science:** The science will be linked to toys. They will think about the materials used for toys and the properties of materials. Examples activities are exploring the best material for curtains for a dolls house and looking at the most suitable material for an umbrella for the toys picnic.



**History:** After thinking about the toys that the children have today they will learn about toys from the past. The children will sort and compare old and new toys.



Please help us by completing the questionnaires that are sent home about the toys you and your parents may have had when you were 5 years old. We would also love to see any old toys that you may have lurking in the attic!

**PSHCE:** Year 1 will begin the term by writing a class promise linked to the school rules. We will also think about goals for ourselves. The main focus will be on what makes a good friend and how can we be a good friend? As a class we will think about the importance of sharing, taking turns and helping one another.

**ICT:** In Year One we use the ICT suite on a weekly basis as well as having the classroom computers. This means that we start the year talking about E-Safety using the resources from Hector's World which you can also access at home [http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/hectorsworld/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/).

In ICT the children will be using the digital camera to photograph each other and their toys before creating labels and captions for the images. They will learn how to alter images in the 2 Simple 2 Photo package. Using Early Essentials and 2Simple 2 Paint the children will use a range of drawing tools to paint pictures. The children will also be learning to save and access their own work - ICT whiz kids!

**Music:** The music will develop the children's ability to recognise how sounds and instruments can be used expressively and combined to create music. They will also sing songs about toys.

**Art:** We shall develop our art skills by completing observational drawings of toys and through using different mediums - paint, charcoal, pencils, to draw portraits.

**RE:** Which groups do we belong to? The children will learn about 'belonging' and being a part of something such as their family, group of friends or a club.

**DT:** In DT we will be making puppets using various techniques and materials (look out for our requests for equipment!). The children will design and make an item for one of their own toys before baking for our toys picnic! We may need parent helpers to assist with our cookery - more information will follow.



**Geography:** We will find out about toys from around the world and traditional toys from other cultures. As a class we will use large maps to locate these countries. Looking nearer to home we shall visit the local park before designing our very own play areas. Helpers with our visit to the park would be great!

