

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR ONE

What an amazing start to 2026! Both Starling and Goldfinch classed have loved immersing themselves into our 'Toys- Old and New' topic.

In Guided Reading we have been reading the texts 'Something Else' and 'Nothing'. We have been using our VIPERS reading skills to predict what will happen in the text, infer how the characters are feeling and sequence the stories. We have also been retrieving lots of adjectives from the stories that we can use to help us describe our own toys in our English lessons.

This half term in English, we have also been learning lots about adjectives. We have been practising putting adjectives into our fact file writing so that the reader can visualise what we are writing about. We have even tried to up level our vocab changing words like 'big' to 'huge', 'massive' or 'giant'! We have really enjoyed writing both a fact file about our own toys, and a set of instructions on how to make a new toy.

To consolidate the learning of our 'Toys' topic we visited Hove Toy Museum. We were so lucky to learn all about the old toys and even had a chance to play with them too. As well as visiting the Toy Museum, we also got a chance to bring in our own toys! Our teachers loved meeting our toys from home and the toys enjoyed their day in school too!

We have also linked in our learning about toys into our History and Science lessons. We have been identifying what makes a toy old and what makes it new; we have discovered that old toys are often made of different materials to new toys. We have then been learning about the properties of each material and experimenting with them to see which materials will dissolve.

Thank you, to all the adults that came to our BIG MAKE event- what fantastic puppets the children were able to make! The children really enjoyed having a grown up join them to help with their DT project. We have really enjoyed seeing the process of the children design their split pin puppet, create their puppet and then evaluate it too!

We hope you all have a relaxing half term and are excited for our next topic 'Around the World!'.



... The Year 1 Team

