

Mandeville Primary School

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Butterfly News

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the third newsletter just for Butterflies! It's so lovely to see everyone again after the Christmas break. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and happy New Year! We are raring to go in 2012 with our exciting topic of Toys! I would like to welcome Ayman to our class; I am pleased he has settled in so well!

Things to remember...

- PE lessons are now on Thursdays but please make sure your child has their PE kit in school everyday, including plimsolls or trainers. Please label all school clothing as items of clothing can get mixed up during the course of the day. Also please make sure long hair is tied back and only stud earrings are worn.
- Reading Records need to be brought to school every day so we can ensure your child's book is being changed regularly and we can track your child's progress. Please comment on how your child is doing and the type of books they enjoy.
- Magic Moments are a lovely way of us learning a bit more about your child's interests and successes. Please use them as often as you like! They can be found on the parent notice boards at either end of the outside area.
- Good Attendance is vital to your child's progress. This includes coming to school on time so that we can start our day on time and your child has the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills during the Busy Finger Activities.
- Toy Visit! On Tuesday 17th we are having a visit from the local toy museum. We will be able to look and play with a wide range of toys, old and new.
- Shared Reading is every Thursday from 8.40 to 8.55. We are happy to see so many parents taking this opportunity to read with their children.
- Library. Butterflies change their books every Friday. Please ensure ALL overdue books are returned so your child can get the most out of the library and read as many books as possible!

This term, Butterflies and Ladybirds will be working on a topic called
"Toys!"

The Foundation Stage curriculum is organised into 6 areas of learning. These are just a few things we'll be learning this half term:

In communication, language and literacy development we will be

- Enjoying fairytales and learning to continue a rhyme
- Practising forming our letters
- Learning new phonics and tricky words
- Writing rhymes, cards

In personal, social and emotional development we will be

- Talking about how we feel about our special toys
- Talking about how to look after our own and others possessions
- Talking about what makes things special
- Sharing and being a good friend!

In knowledge and understanding of the world we will be

- Talking about Chinese New Year
- What toys are made of
- Popular toys from the past
- How toys work

In 'mathematical development' we will be

- Learning to count to 20 and beyond
- Learning to label groups of objects up to ten and above
- Making our own graphs
- Doing lots of calculating
- Learning to count in twos and fives

In creative development we will be

- Making puppets
- Using recycled materials to make our own toys
- Using toys to make printing patterns
- Role play: Toy shop
- Making get well cards
- Singing nursery rhymes

In physical development we will be

- Mimicking the ways toys move
- Symmetrical movement with a partner
- Developing our fine motor skills
- Learning how to slide, throw and control objects

If you have any free time and can help in the class we would love to see you. I am always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!

Emily Smith