Jewell Academy
an Aspirations Academy

Year 2: Autumn Term 2 2026



Toy Time Travellers



Driving Question:

How can we research, design and create an appealing toy for others to enjoy?

Hook- East Dorset Museum will be loaning us some toys from the past! We will be exploring a range of toys from past and present and discussing how they have been made. The children will have the opportunity to discover how toys have changed over the years and compare them to toys they play with now.

Overview:
The children will be exploring toys from the past and thinking about toys that they like to play with. We will learn about how to stay healthy in our daily lives and how to write an informative text.

History
We will be learning about toys from the past and changes within living memory.

Maths
We will be learning about addition and subtraction and shape.

English
We will be writing an informative fact sheet about owls linked to our text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark".

Science
We will be learning about our senses and diet, exercise and health.

DT
We will be researching, designing, making and evaluating a toy with moving parts.

Vocabulary:

Past
Present
Information
Research
Design
Create
Evaluate
Senses
Health

Learning conversations to have at home:

What toys do you like to play with? Why?
What toys did your parents/carers/grandparents play with when they were younger? How were they designed and made? What materials were used to make them?

What information books have you read or got at home? Can you find any information texts at the library? Which information books do you prefer and why?

How do you stay fit and healthy at home or in your daily routine? What healthy foods do you like to eat?

Topic Home learning:

Take a photo or draw a picture of your favourite toy at home. Write about why it is your favourite toy.

Or

Draw or write about ways that you stay healthy at home. Due in by Friday 4th December.

Future Careers:

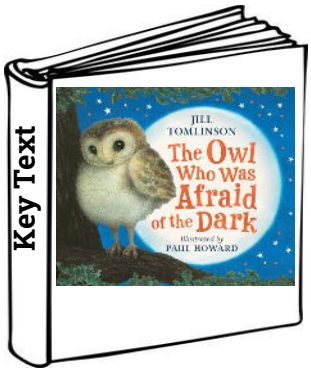
Museum curator
Doctor/nurse
Scientist
Fitness trainer
PE teacher

Outcome:
We will create an engaging toy for Year 1 children to play with and evaluate.

Reading
This half term our key text will be 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark" by Jill Tomlinson. This text is all about a baby owl called Plop and how he overcomes his fear of darkness by meeting new friends who show him the magic and excitement of night time adventures.

Who helps you when you are afraid?

How can you be a friend to others?



Can you describe the character of the owl?

What do you enjoy about night time?

English

- ★ Use punctuation correctly, full stops and capital letters.
- ★ Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify.
- ★ Use subordination (because) and coordination (and).

How can you help at home?
You can support your child by encouraging them to write a few simple sentences each week about something they have enjoyed, a book they have read, or an exciting event.
Reading together every day and talking about interesting words in books will also help your child become a more confident writer.

Maths

- ★ Addition and Subtraction
- ★ Shape

How can you help at home?
Short, regular practice at home will help your child build confidence and enjoy learning maths.
Practising counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s.
Finding 2D and 3D shapes around them, how many sides/edges// faces and vertices do they have?
Simple mental addition and subtraction and using number bonds to 10 and 20.

Science
We will be learning about our five senses, diet and exercise.

History/Geography
We will be learning all about toys from the past and present and how/why they have changed over time.

PSHE
We will be celebrating difference. We will be learning about how others are similar and different to us and about making new friends.

Computing
We will be learning about coding and E-safety.

Music
We will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch.

DT
We will be researching, designing, creating and evaluating a toy with moving parts.

Physical Education
We will be continuing to learn movement skills.

Spanish
We will be learning about the seasons, colours and numbers.

Religious Education
We will be learning about the Christian nativity story.

Dates for the diary

INSET Days **Friday 27th November and Monday 30th November**
Christmas performances T**uesday 8th December 2-2.30pm and Thursday 10th December at 9.30-10 am.**
Last day of term **Friday 18th December 1pm finish**
Holidays **Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January**

PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday**. PE kits are to be left at school. PE kits will be sent home at the end of every half-term to be washed.
Spelling test is on a Friday each week and please ensure your child has their reading book and log in school every day.