Topic Overview for Year 2

Topic Title: Toys & Games

To engage the children we will:

- Invite the children to bring in their favourite toy from home
- Take part in a toy workshop at the Horniman Museum
- Read a range of high quality stories involving toys

What the children will learn to do during the topic:

- Explore and use different forces
- Explain how these forces make things move
- Identify features of toys from the past
- Ask and answer questions about the past
- Investigate different mechanisms
- Share and take turns
- Observe toy bears closely and represent them in different media such as pencils, pastels and clay
- Plan and communicate ideas as a toymaker
- Suggest how to make improvements to their work
- Explore a range of toys from around the world
- Operate a programmable toy
- Write stories, letters, rhymes, labels and information about toys

What the children will know by the end of the topic:

- How forces move objects
- How objects move on different surfaces
- How toys have changed over time
- How to select materials appropriate to the task
- How to measure, cut and join materials accurately
- How different mechanisms operate
- That there are similarities and differences between toys from around the world
- How to use a range of new vocabulary
- How to write for different contexts

The memorable experience at the end of the topic will be:

To create our own Toy Exhibition. Parents will be invited to attend.

To support your child's learning with this topic you could:

- Talk about toys and games that you had when you were a child, and ask older members of the family eg grandparents to describe what their toys were like too
- Play board games and card games together eg Frustration, Snap etc
- Talk about your child's toys and how they work
- Visit the library and read information and story books about toys
- In addition to supporting the topic, read with your child daily – it will really make a difference to their progress

PE Lessons

2B – Weds & Thurs

2S – Mon & Thurs

2T- Mon & Weds

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days and is <u>labelled with their name</u>