## Reception Newsletter Spring 1 (2020)

## Big Idea

This half term's Big Idea is Tremendous Toys! Through this Big Idea we will be exploring toys through time, the purpose of toys as well as lots of exciting things like our favourite toys. If anybody has any old family toys that have been passed through generations that they would like to share then please chat to a member of the team. We will be ending our Big Idea with an exciting trip.

## Our Learning

This half term we will be doing further work on Phase 2 Phonics as well as moving onto Phase 3 sounds. This first week we will be re-capping all of the sounds that we learnt last half term with a particular focus on friendly-enders.

In maths we will be consolidating numbers up to 20. We will be learning and applying skills of simple addition and using these with money. We will be exploring problem solving related to these aspects.

In literacy we will continue to build on our writing skills and we look forward to the wide range of books about Toys that we will be exploring. Once again, if you have any special books relating to the Big Idea we would be very grateful if the children could bring them in.

This half term we will be launching Guided Reading twice a week. This will be a great way to engage the children in reading and to improve reading comprehension. The children will still bring home 2 reading books a week for them to read to you and these will differ from their guided reading books. If you would like any support with home reading please come and have a chat with one of the team.

## **Reminders**

We do PE every Monday morning so please ensure that your child has a full and named PE kit in school. Please can you also send in a named water bottle and a healthy snack (e.g. a piece of fruit) for their afternoon snack.