

## Topic Overview

Year R / 1 - Cycle A

### The Toymaker's Workshop



#### THE BIG IDEA

Toys are designed for playing and exploring and having fun. We will be doing all these things and learning too! We will explore the theme in various ways, including through books and playing with toys. The role play area will be transformed into a toymaker's workshop and there will be opportunities for the children to dress up as a favourite superhero.

#### TRIPS AND EVENTS

Harvest Festival

Dress up day

Visit to a toy museum?

#### OUTDOOR LEARNING

One of our projects for outdoor learning will be to develop some outdoor musical instruments.

We will be recording the weather regularly and talking about seasonal changes.

We will be developing our wildlife garden to encourage a range of animal visitors and will monitor these visits when they happen.



In History we will:

- Compare toys from the past with modern day toys and discuss how they have changed.
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In Computing we will:

- Play with programmable toys, giving instructions to follow a simple route.
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In DT we will:

- Explore toys with moving parts to find out how they work exploring different mechanisms.
- Make toys using construction materials such as lego.
- Design and make a toy with a moving part.

In Art we will:

- Develop textile skills in order to make a toy.

In P.S.H.E e we will follow the East Sussex scheme of work.

### **Risk Assessments:**

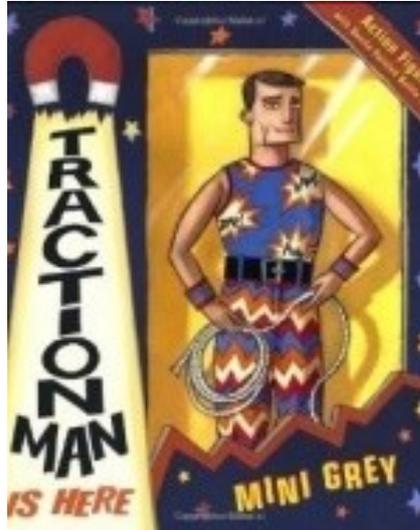
- Trip
- Outdoor learning

### **Maths**

The children will be following the new curriculum in maths. Some children will be taught in Sparrowhawks for this lesson and some of the children from that class will be taught in Treetops. One lesson every week will be a chance to use and apply.

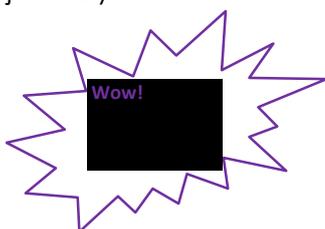
### **Literacy**

In Literacy we will study the text Traction Man. The children will respond to the text in various ways including through drama and small world play. We will work towards producing a play script for a superhero toy and the children will write their own comic style mini adventure.



### **Early Years**

The children in Barn Owls will take part in topic related activities. They will also have lots of opportunities to initiate their own learning and will be encouraged to 'plan, do and review' their activities. We would love to hear of their achievements at home, so please do fill in WOW slips which we can add into their learning journeys.



### **Science**

- **Working scientifically**

The children will be encouraged to ask and find the answers to scientific questions. They will gather data, carry out simple tests, record data and talk about what they have found out. We will compare the uses of everyday materials used to make toys, sorting and grouping these and recording our observations.

- **Scientific Knowledge**

The children will be finding out about uses of everyday materials through the exploration of toys. We will discuss why certain materials have been used to make certain toys.