**Year 1 & 2 - Lovelace, Shanlan and Anning Classes**

**Newsletter: 4th September 2023**Happy New School Year from all the staff in Year 1 & 2, we hope the children will return refreshed and ready to start their next year at Victoria Primary School. We are excited about our new topic this term ‘Toys Through Time. This topic will help KS1 children begin to develop the skills needed in order to become an historian. Children will be exploring toys from the past and using their comparative skills to compare modern day toys to the toys that they play with now. If have any toys from your past, especially toys from different cultures, please speak to your class teachers as we would love the children to have the opportunity to explore these with you at school.

**Being on time**Remember that classroom doors open at 8.45 on a morning. Children who are late miss the learning that the rest of the day is built on and feel embarrassed when they enter and are looked at by everyone else.

**Homework, Reading & Spellings**Homework is given out weekly and linked to the maths and English they are currently studying in school. Children will receive their ‘Purple Mash’ logins during week one and this will be the platform that children must access to complete their weekly homework. Alongside weekly homework, there is an expectation for children to read their reading books at home and practise their weekly spellings.

**Friday morning ‘Stay and Read’**Every Friday morning, we open our doors for 15 minutes for you to join your child in class for some quality reading time. This will give you a great opportunity to come into your child’s learning environment and enjoy a story or two with them. The timings for this are 8.45 – 9.00.

**PE**Please ensure your child brings in a standard school PE kit which is available to see on our website. PE will be dance & cricket this term. P.E dates for specific classes are available on our webpage or will be found on the class door where you drop your children off in the morning.

Thank you,

KS1 team

**Diary Dates**

15th September – Victoria Primary Book Festival
Autumn 1 - Toys Through Time trip. – date to be confirmed.