



Our World Around Us topic is "In the Toy Box". We will try to answer these questions:

What materials are toys made from?
How have toys changed over time?
What sources of energy do toys use?
What toys do we use outside?



Number

Count to 50 and beyond.

Practise writing numbers to 20, ensure the formation is correct. Continue to count in 2's to 30, 5's to 50 and 10's to 100. Discuss odd/even numbers. Say your rhyme, '0,2,4,6,8, who do we appreciate? We're the evens. 1,3,5,7,9, we are looking mighty fine, we're the odds'. Recognise double and half numbers to 20. Add and subtract numbers on a numberline. There are songs to support all these counting skills on YouTube.

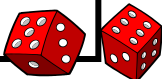
Important Dates

- **Christmas dinner** - Wednesday 9th December
- **Christmas Jumper Day** - Friday 11th December

Shape



Look for 3d shapes all around. Discuss cubes, cuboids, cylinders, spheres and cones.



Year 2 Nov/Dec



If possible, could you try to send in an A4 plastic wallet folder for your child's homework books to be sent home in?

Read and discuss the Christmas story with your child. Try to log on to weekly mass and the Christmas services which are broadcast through Our Lady of Lourdes Church website www.steelstownparish.com

Christmas

The school will close on Monday 21st December at 12.30 and will reopen on Tuesday 5th January. Dinner will be served before dismissal on Monday 21st. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Measures

We will be exploring weight and developing appropriate mathematical language, heavy/light, heavier/lighter, heaviest/lightest, balance, same as etc.

Phonics

Continue to make small words using all letters of the alphabet. Try to build up word families, it, bit, sit, lit etc. Find words that rhyme e.g. bat and cat. Find rhyming words in daily reading book. Talk about syllables in words and clap them out e.g. holly - hol + ly = holly, 2 claps.

