Term 3 is now well and truly under way and 1/2M have had a fantastic start. Our unit of investigation this term is “Toys”, who wouldn’t love this topic? We have begun looking at toys from the past so hopefully your child has asked you some questions about toys you used to play with when you were younger. We have also investigated toys which require a push or pull force and the part gravity plays on some toys.

‘Each week we will have 2 lucky people who will be our “Stars of the Week”. This special privilege entitles them to a number of fun roles and responsibilities. During this week they will be able to bring home one of our class toys - either Blackie Red (the lady bug) or Bear Bear (the teddy bear). The toys will arrive at your home with their own bag and set of instructions, basically to record your adventures together in the journal. During this week, students will be able to bring one item for Show and Tell every day, they will be our Focus Child during Investigations, our Line Leaders and Office Monitors. They also get to sit on our awesome, new hand chairs! They will be chosen on a Monday and asked to return the toy along with the bag by the following Monday.
Insightful Quotes from 1/2M about Thinking and Learning

The students were asked to give me a quote related to their learning so far this year. Here’s what they came up with:

I’m really proud of my work in Big Write. Last week I used a lot of words and I got to blow out the candle. Savannah

I like Investigations because you can learn stuff, like writing. Olivia

During Big Write I used to not know what to write, but now I do! Ethan

I like Big Write because I have a lot of fun making stories and writing. Krishna

I enjoy writing in Big Write because it’s fun and I learn lots of big words. Natasha

I like spelling mastery because we learn new words. You can make different words by swapping the letter at the front. Rhiannon

In reading groups I get to read chapter books now. Jorgia

I like to help people when they can’t do it by themselves. I like helping people. Ryder

So far this term we’ve started woodwork. I really enjoy using the saw. Mahalia

I like my writing because Spelling Mastery teaches us how to spell words. Harlem

I’m really proud of Big Write because I feel confident and I feel great when I achieve my goal. Toa

I like Cold Write because it helps me do my writing because of the words I know how to write. Logan

I’m proud that I finished my doubling work in maths because eventually I got there. Joshua

Sometimes Spelling Mastery is hard but I try really hard and then I figure out how to spell it. Skylar

I used to be bad at writing but now I’m good because I keep trying. I persevere. Jayson

I like reading because I learnt lots of words. Casey

I have learnt to write lots of letters because of Hartley. Taitimu

I like reading because we get to try new books and learn new words. Kokoda

I learnt how to make stories out of stones. TeRata

I have learnt lots of things from Investigations like making cars. Ocean

I like maths because it makes you smarter. Hope

Writing is fun because you get to write whatever you want. Grace

I enjoy doing Big Write because you get to improve your writing. Miley

I really like Big Write because my sister helped me at home. Charlie

I’m proud of myself because i can spell out a lot of words. Tristan