



Superheroes

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Year R Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. Our new topic is Superheroes. This term the children will be thinking about lots of different superheroes and solving superhero problems using our very own superhero powers! We will also be writing superhero codes and building a special superhero headquarter centre!

How can you help at home with this topic?

As our topic is Superheroes please read as many as you can- look out old books and see if you can borrow some from the library.

Please read every day and sign the book. The children can also read books from home, please write these in as well. We will change the books as often as possible, however our aim is to discuss the books as much as possible and so the children may have the same book for a longer length of time.

Weather warning!! Please remember we go out every day, whatever the weather and the children need to be dressed appropriately for the cold. Please send in a coat every day and named hats, gloves etc. on really cold days.

This half term there will be one piece of homework. Please look out for this coming home. It will be linked to the work we do in class and our aim is for them to be a short, fun activity to share together-rather than a large project!

If you do have any questions about this topic or your child's learning please speak to your child's class teacher.

Useful Dates!

- 23rd Superhero Day
- 27th and 28th Parent Meetings
- 9th March Mother's Day Assembly



Literacy

The children will complete phase 3 phonics and move onto phase 4. Remember each sound has an action which helps the children to learn the sound so why not ask them what the action is! We will also be practising how to write the letters correctly. We will be focusing on early reading skills and developing a love of reading. We shall be reading a range of stories linked to our weekly themes and continuing guided reading.

Mathematics

We will be looking at the children's early counting skills, number recognition, problem solving, doubling, halving and sharing and using numbers to 20. Our emphasis is on practical skills. We will also focus on writing the numbers correctly.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our speaking, listening and understanding skills.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

The children will be thinking about growth and change. We will also be linking the theme of 'stranger danger' to and talking about how the children can keep themselves safe. We will have a weekly circle time session to reinforce our Golden Rules.

Physical Development

In gymnastics we will be making different body shapes and exploring the way our bodies move. We will be learning how to move the PE apparatus and to use the apparatus safely.

Understanding the World

We shall be solving Superhero problems through real life scenarios, such as lost cats. We shall be thinking about people that help us in the community and how they keep us safe. We shall be experimenting with materials to find the best ones to keep superheroes dry. The children will have the chance to construct furniture for Superheroes and think about ways to keep a Superhero energised, fit and healthy. The children will be encouraged to ask questions about how things work. We will continue to use simple tools, such as scissors, staplers etc. Please help us with this whenever your child is cutting out at home, encourage them to use the scissors correctly, and if they find this difficult please continue to practise cutting at home.

The children will have lots of opportunities to use the computer, interactive whiteboard, Ipads and Beebots.

Linked to our work on Easter, we will think about Easter customs and traditions, New life and Easter eggs.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our creative work will focus on drawing skills and creating different shades using different pencils. We will also be experimenting with wax crayons, oil pastels, charcoal and other media. As part of our design and technology, we will be experimenting with joining various materials in different ways.