



# Year 2 Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

Welcome back everybody!

Our first topic in Year 2 is "Superheroes".

This approach means that the children are encouraged to make links and it gives a cohesive approach to learning and teaching.



## English

We begin the year by reading "Supertato" by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, "Superkid" by Claire Freedman and Sarah McIntyre and "Eliot Midnight Superhero" by Anne Cotteringer. These stories link directly to our topic of Superheroes and will support children in writing character descriptions, sequencing events and writing our own Superhero stories. We will also be writing instructions for how to make Superhero vehicles.

## Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills (SPaG)

We will continue to build on rules and spelling patterns from Year 1 such as using capital letters and full stops. The children will develop their understanding of conjunctions and how to use them to extend sentences. We will be learning when commas, exclamation marks and apostrophes for possession are used when writing.



## Maths

This half term we will be focussing on:

- ◆ Reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals and words.
- ◆ Recognising the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)..
- ◆ Identifying, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including a number line.
- ◆ Solving problems by using place value and number facts.
- ◆ Counting in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number forwards and backwards.
- ◆ Recalling fact families to 20.
- ◆ Adding and subtracting using objects, pictorial representations and mentally.



It is essential that the children learn and practise their 2x, 5x, and 10x times tables facts. Please find the time to help your child to learn and consolidate these facts. Children who are able to recall their times tables facts are able to make links between a wider range of mathematical topics.

## Creativity

This half term the Creative focus is Design Technology. Pupils will be designing Superhero vehicles, planning how it will be constructed and the materials needed to construct it. Children will be evaluating the vehicles thinking about what was successful and what might be changed, modified and improved.

## RE / PSHE

The theme for this half term is why is the Bible special to Christians. We will be sharing the story of Mary Jones. In PSHE we will be learning about E-safety and how to keep safe in different places. We will be talking about people who are life savers.

## Computing

We will be learning about how to stay safe online with Hector's World and using Publisher to copy images of our favourite Superheroes and write about them,

## Homework

We will be using new Maths and English activity books. Children will be given an activity weekly on a Friday from either book, which will be shared on the class Facebook page. Please can this be brought in the following Friday so children can be awarded merits for the completed challenges. Spellings will be sent home in a spelling book which can stay at home for the half term. Our spelling tests will be on a Friday.

## Science

We will also be identifying different everyday materials and their properties. They will be finding out how the shapes of some solids can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

We will also be investigating and testing different materials exploring which would be best for making the cape for different Superheroes.



## Music and PE

In Music, children will be developing their percussion skills and learning how to keep a steady beat.

The children will now take part in their PE lessons on a Wednesday. Please ensure they have the correct kit in school to participate fully in lessons. Sometimes we have additional P.E.sessions with coaches or visitors so the children might need their kit occasionally on other days. This half term we are developing throwing and kicking skills.