

Year R Newsletter

Autumn 2



We are at the end of the first half term already! The children are settling in so well. They are making new friends and learning all the new routines. It was great to see lots of you at parents evening and share with you how well everyone is doing. Thank you for your ongoing support as we all find our feet and settle into the new school year. With this newsletter you will find a phonics sheet to show you the sounds and phrases the children have been learning in phonics. You will also find a half term homework sheet with some ideas for activities.

Our topic in Autumn 2 will be... **Superheroes!**



We will be joining Supertato on some of his missions, making our own comic strips and designing him a new cape! We will also be learning about real life heroes and all the incredible people that help us everyday. Please see the next page for more information about our curriculum.

To kick start our new topic, we would like to invite the children to come to school as a hero of their choice on **Tuesday 12th November**. This can be a superhero, real life hero or a completely home invented hero.

All the extras!

There is lots to celebrate during our next half term. Not only will we be indulging in superheroes, we will also be learning about Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and of course Christmas!

HEROES WANTED!! Can you help?



If you are a parent/ relative who happens to be a real-life hero, would you be able to donate your time and come in to talk to the children about your job? We would love to hear from you if your job means you help people, maybe even rescue them! Please speak to your child's class teacher if this is something you could help with.

As part of our superhero investigations this half term we will be designing Supertato a new cape. To do this we will be testing lots of different materials before creating our final design. If you have any scrap materials at home that could be used to support this activity, please could we have them to support our creativity?

The children have been enjoying outdoor learning this half term. In particular the mud! We are due to get bark chipping over half term to help with just how much mud we have in this area. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The children have loved exploring this area so much. We do however apologise for the washing! Puddle suits are no match for them! If you wish to take your puddle suits home over half term, let us know and we can locate them ready for the end of the week.

As the colder weather is due to set in, please can we ask that children come to school prepared to still use the outdoor space. If you are sending in hats, gloves and scarves, please make sure they are labelled.



Our Curriculum in Autumn 2

Personal, Social, Emotional Development	We will continue to use the Jigsaw learning resource. This half term the focus is My family and me . The children will spend time discussing making friends, falling out, bullying and being the best friend we can be.
Communication and Language	We will continue to use our thinking hats to support our discussions around lots of different learning areas.
Physical Development	PE will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon with a PE coach and on a Thursday with your child's class teacher.
Literacy	Literacy will be a mix of all our celebrations this half term. We will read and write about bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, superheroes and Christmas. Children will also begin to work in Phonics groups suited to their ability. This will mean that some children will begin to bring home a reading book matched to the phonics group they are in. Please do not worry if your child does not bring home a reading book at first. Books are not sent home until they reach a certain group and have started blending sounds to read words. Please continue to share books at home and reading for pleasure.
Mathematics	In maths we will continue to explore numbers up to 5 and what makes that number. We will compare amounts and look at whole numbers and parts of the numbers. We will also spend time exploring shapes.
Understanding the world	We will be exploring magnets. The children will be challenged to find things that magnets stick to and use the power of magnets to make a superhero fly. The children will also be learning the nativity story.
Expressive Art and Design	In art this half term we will be planning and making superhero capes for Supertato and making Christmas cards and calendars.

Diary dates and upcoming events:

Monday 4th November- Inset day

Tuesday 12th November- Superhero dress up day

Thursday 5th December- Christmas Fayre at Meon Infant School

Monday 16th December- Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 17th December- Christmas Nativity