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Spring Term – Year 1

Our new topic this term is 'Superheroes'. We will be linking this to our literacy work. We will be reading and writing the story of 'Eliot Midnight Superhero' then writing our own exciting version of the superhero tale.

In maths we are consolidating our learning from the Autumn term, by revisiting work on number and place value, before we continue to work on the Year 1 maths curriculum. Our weekly problem solving slot gives the children a chance work in different groups and problem solve collaboratively to grapple with a variety of mind teasing problems. Our aim to use our superhero skills to problem solve!

In other areas of the curriculum we will be learning about the seasons in Science and exploring our school environment in our Forest School sessions to find nature's superheroes! We will be conducting some super experiments to show how we can actually create weather! The dynamic duo of Music and Art will link into our Spring topic - illustrating our own superheroes and we will be doing some super singing, using percussion instruments, listening and responding to recorded music. In History the children will be learning about the famous poet and author Thomas Hardy and in Geography they will be learning about London.

Our daily phonics lessons will be enhanced by extra phonics sessions during the week and we will be sending additional phonics exercises for you to practice at home. The children are becoming more confident readers and writers; we have a dedicated storytime slot which the children particularly enjoy. Their interest and love of books is something that inspires them to want to read more, so please keep reading with and to them at home and record this in their reading diary.

The children are now writing short narratives, they are beginning to edit and improve their writing by reading back the work they have written and making corrections. We are also encouraging the children to check their spelling, grammar, letter and number formation.

There will be a spelling task for homework every week and an additional homework activity. For the next few weeks this will be number work, to consolidate the classwork we are working on this half term. This will help to embed the learning we have covered in class.

This year the children have a weekly Forest School session on a Friday afternoon. We will aim to be outside as often as we can in this slot. We would appreciate if you could provide wellies and a waterproof coat as it can get a bit muddy on the school field. We are also grateful of extra help in this slot, so if you are available on a Friday afternoon to help out, please do let us know.

We have a star of the day award which we often give out at the end of the day for working really well in class. If your child brings it home, please return it the following day!

We are very proud of Year 1, they are a super class and we appreciate all the support you give us.

The Year 1 Team

PSHE

Thinking of others - how to be a good friend to everyone
Taking responsibility – looking after ourselves & our environment
How to manage our feelings

RE

Liturgy
Epiphany
Revelation

Music

Responding to recorded music - the 4 seasons by Vivaldi
Superhero themes - using voice and untuned percussion instruments

ICT

Following instructions
Programming toys

Humanities (Geography & History)

Thomas Hardy
Features of London
Comparing London to Dorset

English (Reading, Writing & Phonics)

Story mapping
Story writing
Story editing
Comic Strip writing
Guided Reading
Phonics

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Mathematics

Place value
Partitioning
Addition & Subtraction
Number facts
2s 5s and 10s
Measuring using a ruler

Science

Seasons
Weather
Experiments to explore weather
Measuring rainfall

Art and DT

Creating their own superhero
Making their own superhero cape
Kindness Tree