

Welcome to the Spring term! Our topic during the first half term is, **Superheroes**. We will be learning about real life heroes as well as our favourite fictional superheroes.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:**

As the children have had a long break, we will be revisiting our routines and expectations during the first few weeks back. The children will revise their classroom agreements from Autumn and adapt them if needed. We will continue to develop the children's social skills this half term, with a focus on moving their play forward and widening friendship groups. We will also continue to develop the children's knowledge of healthy eating while we read *Supertato*.

### **Literacy and Phonics:**

During both our literacy and phonics sessions we will be continuing to teach the children how to identify sounds, blend sounds into words and segment words so they can be written. Literacy lessons will also include simple role plays that act out parts of stories and speaking and listening activities. This half term we will be writing captions, wanted posters and learning more about capital letters. We will continue with our daily phonics sessions, teaching 3 sounds each week and applying what we have learnt on a Thursday and Friday. This half term we will be teaching phase 3. Here are the digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words we will be teaching this half term: qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo (moon), oo (book), ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, ur, er, they, we, are, you, all, was, give.

### **Communication and Language:**

During this half term we will be continuing to introduce new vocabulary during whole class teaching, small group activities and child led provision. Oracy will continue to be at the heart of our planning, and we will introduce our word of the week. Every child will be given opportunities to talk and share their ideas during circle times. The stories we are reading this half term are fantastic for role play and small world play which will both boost the children's language.

### **Maths:**

This half term we will be deepening the children's understanding of the numbers 0-8. We will be sorting amounts, learning how to compose 7 and 8, learning what a double is, creating doubles, and identifying 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We will also learn about teen numbers and how they are made of a 10 and some more. This half term we will introduce addition and teach the children how to solve problems by combining groups of objects and counting all, counting on from an amount and how to use their mental maths. At the end of the half term, we will revisit measurement and compare length, weight and capacity.

### **Physical Development:**

The children will continue to develop their physical strength, coordination and balance during their outdoor play. Throughout the half term, activities and challenges will be created that improve and develop the children's fine motor skills, these will take place in small groups and during their free play.

### **Understanding the World**

This half term we will be learning about real life superheroes and superheroes in our community. We will continue to develop the children's knowledge of seasonal change and the weather. When we are reading *Supertato* we will learn about different types of fruits and vegetables and how to classify them. At the end of the half term, we will prepare for Spring by learning about and doing some planting.

### **Expressive Art and Design**

Moving forward, each half term we will be learning about an influential artist. We will learn some simple facts about them such as what country they were from and their style of art. This half term we will be learning about Wassily Kandinsky and trying our hand at painting concentric circles using watercolours. We will also be deepening our knowledge of colour mixing and what colours we can make as well as trying still life drawing.

### **Other information:**

#### Home Learning:

- Daily reading (5 – 10 mins)
- Evidence Me learning tasks

#### Important Dates:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Wren trip to the fire station

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Sparrow trip to the fire station

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Robin trip to the fire station

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Open Classroom – After school 3:15-3:45

#### Notices:

- Book Bags must come into school daily along with reading diaries and books.

