



Year 1 Newsletter



'The Hero Inside Us!'

Spring term

Our topics this term are '**Superheroes**' and '**Wild Things**'

English

We are going to be reading fiction books about toys, Superheroes and animals. Our non-fiction work will be information writing about plants, including labels and instructions.

We will be practising writing using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops consistently.

Activities to help your child at home;

- Look for **ed**, **ing**, **er** and **est** word endings when reading. Can they spell these words?
- Write sentences using 'and' to link ideas.
- Find instructions to read together, for example playing a new game or following a recipe.



Mathematics

We will be reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20+ in numerals and words. We will count up in different steps (2's, 5's and 10's). We will revise number bonds up to 20 and use this to solve simple missing number problems.

We will use mental strategies and number lines to add and subtract. We will look at $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and make different turns. We will answer questions involving measure or money.

Activities to help your child at home;

- Practise number bonds ($4 + ? = 10$ or $3 + ? = 7$)
- Folding paper shapes to find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ and looking for fractions in everyday life (pizza)
- Use coins to make different totals up to 20p.

Creative Curriculum

We will start our term focusing on history and looking at toys from the past and how they have changed. Then we will focus on our bodies and senses linked to our science topic. Also in science we will learn about winter and spring and look at how plants grow. **In PE we will have a cricket coach in every Thursday, so don't forget to bring in an outdoor PE kit!** We will also be making moving pictures and painting pictures of toys and 'wild things'. In geography we will look at our local area including the school grounds and find out about where we live.



Activities to help your child at home;

- Support your child to say or write their address.
- Look around your area, what human (shops/roads/houses) and physical (fields, ponds, trees) features can they see?
- Talk about road safety. Are roads quiet or busy near their home?
- Use Google maps to find your local area and other areas of interest.
- Go on a senses walk around your house or garden. What do they find?

Thinking and Learning Skills in Year 1

We encourage children to be **creative thinkers** just like real life explorers. We will invite them to pose questions and think of imaginative and creative ways to solve problems. You can help your child to develop these skills by giving them opportunities to ask questions and thinking time to answer. You can encourage them to have a try at homework tasks themselves (where appropriate).

