



## Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring 2024 ~ Class 1 (Reception)

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Spring Term 2024, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello again,

Class One will be enjoying the projects of Heroes and Superheroes. Then in Term 4 we will be learning about Traditional Tales

We will begin by looking at people who help us in our environment and further afield, thinking about jobs that we would like to do when we grow up. We will begin to think about the past starting with our own lives and moving onto looking at toys from the past. We will then move on to looking at superheroes including Supertato and Traction man, thinking about the superhero skills that we would like to have and designing our own superhero outfits. We will be working in clay and weaving as well as constantly refining our hand skills such as drawing, painting and cutting with scissors.

After half term we will be moving onto traditional tales. Learning many of the beautiful tales that our culture offers and telling then writing our own stories. We will be learning about the past beyond living memory and thinking about how people used to live.

In phonics we will be looking at vowel digraphs to make more sounds such as long vowel sounds: ai, ee, igh, oa and oo. In reception we learn just one way to read and write these sounds (the alternatives to these will be taught in Year One.) We will be learning to put words together to make a sentence, leaving spaces between words and introducing capital letters at the beginning of names and sentences.

We will be focusing on looking at working with numbers within 10 and introducing the concepts of addition and measures including: mass, length and capacity. We will be using what we know about numbers to help us to solve measuring problems and to use the correct words for positions.

Before we know it, it will be the end of term again, so keep on with those letters, reading and numbers ... you are doing a fantastic job in helping your child have those precious skills at their fingertips.

Many thanks, Mrs Luddington and the EYFS Team 🐦

#### Homework Update:

For homework your child will have:

- 📖 Reading books which will be updated on a Friday. One book that the child will choose to read together and one which your child can decode. We will have looked at the decodable book already, so it will be great if you can share this at home.
- 📖 The Little Blue Book where we will add new Graphemes. We have done all the single letter sounds and consonant digraphs will now be looking at two or three sounds that we put together to make the longer vowel sounds. These are called digraphs and trigraphs.
- 📖 Also the TRICKY WORDS, as presented on flash cards, to read as a whole word.

#### Messages:

P.E will take place on **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate kit on these days.

Please bring a coat every day because we try and get out whatever the weather. Also dress warmly as the classroom is well ventilated (and can be cold at times). Wellies are also good to have when the weather needs them.

Remember we are often in our Gruffalo Wood and this type of outdoor learning can be messy. Please send your child in shoes that they can manage by themselves.

Keep looking on class dojo to see all the things we get up to which help us to learn.

Thank You

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