

17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our first curriculum letter of the school year. It is wonderful to have all the children back in school and they have quickly settled into the new routines. As a school, we have made many changes to how we are working in order to keep everybody as safe as possible. Within the classroom, the children understand the importance of frequent handwashing and hand sanitising, and are sitting in rows rather than facing each other at tables. They also have their own pack of equipment to use at school in order to reduce the risk of spreading infection.

As is customary in our curriculum letters, I would like to outline the topics and activities we will be covering this half term so that you can have an involvement in your child's learning. Our main topic this half term is entitled **"Superheroes"**. I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Stearn

<p>English</p> 	<p>During our English lessons, we will use a range of fiction and non-fiction texts which will support our topics and be a stimulus for reading, writing, speaking and listening. When writing, we will be focussing on correct letter formation and will be working on making all our letters the same size. We will have a daily phonics focus and each week we will be learning some tricky words. The children will be encouraged to use these tricky words and the work learnt in phonics to help spell words in their writing. We will be learning how to use capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences and will learn how to write questions. We will be using our Superhero's topic as a stimulus for our writing.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>In maths lessons, we will focus on number patterns, counting forwards and backwards, partitioning (splitting) and recombining numbers and making addition/subtraction calculations. We will be thinking about place value using two digit numbers and recognising the value of each digit in the number. We will be learning how to read and write numbers in words and digits and use language such as one more, one less to identify numbers.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Our science lessons this half term will be closely linked to our Superheroes topic. The children will be learning all about germs and the importance of hygiene (fighting germs like a superhero!) We will also learn how to keep fit and healthy like a superhero, by looking at healthy food choices and the importance of exercise. The children will be developing their scientific enquiry skills by making predictions and observing what happens to bread when it is left out in different conditions.</p>
<p>IT and Computing</p> 	<p>The children will be taught how to stay safe online and not share their personal details using the <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/</a> website. We will also be developing typing/keyboard skills and using the child friendly search engine <a href="http://www.kidrex.org/">http://www.kidrex.org/</a> to find out facts which support and enhance our topic work.</p>

<p>History</p> 	<p>In our history unit this half term, pupils will be learning about real life superheroes such as Florence Nightingale and Edward Jenner. The children will be finding out the life of these significant figures in history, and the impact they had on improving the lives of others.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>In geography, the children will be developing their map skills. They will be designing a location for a superhero to live, and include a range of natural and man-made features. The children will use simple compass directions and locational language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.</p>
<p>Art and Design Technology</p> 	<p>Our artwork, this half term, will be linked to our topics and the children will have the opportunity to use a range of materials such as paint and textiles to create their artwork. As part of Design Technology they will have the challenge of designing and creating a mask and other accessories for a superhero, and then review the making process; identifying what went well and what they would improve next time.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>In our weekly singing session in Key Stage One, the children will be learning songs about starting back at school, Autumnal changes and songs that reinforce personal and social aspects of learning.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>The children have one indoor and one outdoor P.E. session each week. The indoor session will focus on developing floor skills such as jumping, travelling and balancing. The outdoor session will focus on passing and receiving an object using feet, tennis racquets and hockey sticks.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>This half term we will thinking about the question "Does a beautiful world mean that there is a wonderful creator?" The children will be identifying beauty in nature and listen to the Christian creation story from the bible.</p>
<p>Global Awareness</p> 	<p>Our Global Awareness curriculum focuses on learning about lifestyles, traditions and customs from around the world. We will be celebrating European Languages Day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and the children in Key Stage One will be learning about France. They can come to school dressed in red, white and blue on that day.</p>
<p>Citizenship</p> 	<p>Our citizenship sessions will focus on settling back to school and remembering the school rules and expectations. The children will also be thinking and talking about issues surrounding friendships. Our whole school value which we will be promoting will be on the theme of being resilient, and not giving up when faced with a new challenge.</p>
<p>Homework Ideas</p> 	<p>Here are some ideas to support your child at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading (school books or home books)</li> <li>• Writing (stories, diaries, recounts, book reviews)</li> <li>• Cooking (reading instructions, weighing and measuring)</li> <li>• Shopping (using coins and getting change)</li> <li>• Telling the time</li> <li>• Looks at maps and finding out about different countries.</li> <li>• Going for a walk and looking for signs of Autumn.</li> </ul>