



Superheroes!

Our topic this term is Superheroes. We will learn all about real life pioneers and heroes who made a difference to the world. We will learn about Edward Jenner who invented the vaccine, Florence Nightingale who helped to revolutionise nursing and Rosa Parkes who stood up for her rights.



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, we hope that you had a superb Easter break.

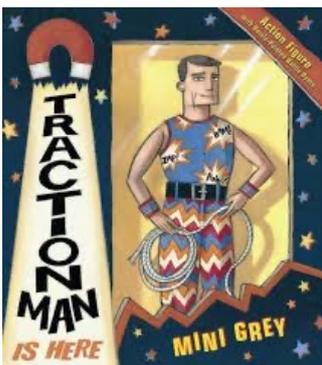
We can't believe that we are embarking on the final term-how time flies when you are having fun! This term is usually one of the busiest in Year 1 as we look forward to the National Phonic Screening Assessments in June. There will be a brief meeting regarding this nearer to the time. For now you can help your child prepare by reading, reading, reading! We are using a new maths scheme of work, so please ensure that iPads are charged and in school every day.

We are looking forward to another term of excellence and enjoyment!

Year 1 Team

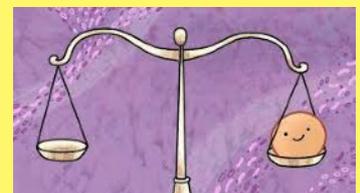
English

In English this term, we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books about superheroes. We will learn about parts of speech such as adjectives and verbs. We will continue to extend our sentences with conjunctions e.g. *because, and, so* and will use interesting and ambitious vocabulary. There will be a big focus on handwriting as well, making sure that our letters are correctly formed, even in size and correctly positioned on the line.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be using the new OCL scheme of work. A lot of the maths work will involve the use of iPads and manipulatives such as cubes and counters. It is really important that iPads are charged and brought in to school on a daily basis. The topics that we we will cover this term are place value: counting forwards and backwards in 2's and 5's. We will also look at measure: length, height, capacity and mass. We will complete lots of practical activities such as measuring and ordering the tallest or the heaviest objects. Reasoning is also an important skill that we will practise *I know this because... or This is false because...*



Science

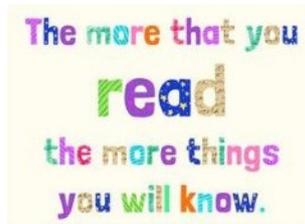
Our new science topic is *Plants*. We will observe how a plant grows and what conditions they need to grow. We will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants. We will look at the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees and observe the basic structures of plants and trees.

Phonics

We are learning phase 5 sounds so that we can read and spell words containing adjacent consonants, alternative pronunciations e.g. *blue, grew or church, shower* and multisyllabic words. The sound families we will learn are *ew, ue, u-e, oe*, and split digraphs *a-e, e-e, i-e*. Reading some of the split digraphs can be tricky, so it might be helpful to get your child to identify the "special friends" before they attempt to sound out the word.

Reading

Children who read every day have larger vocabularies, more creativity skills, greater empathy and perform better academically. What are you waiting for? Pick up a book or log onto Bug Club.



DT

In DT, we will build upon sewing skills each week in order to design and then make a cape for a superhero doll. We will learn how to thread needles, tie knots, sew running stitches and then evaluate our work.



P.E.

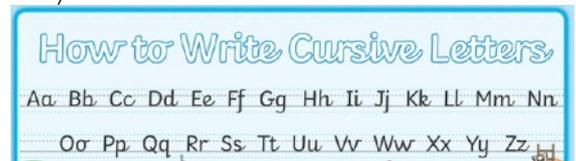
This term our P.E days are on **Monday** and **Thursday**. During indoor P.E we will learn gymnastics skills such as balanced and rolling. In outdoor P.E, we will practise multi-skills such as throwing and catching balls, dribbling and kicking balls as well as developing teamwork and resilience.

R.E. and PSHCE

In PSHCE we will learn about money: where it comes from, why we need to spend it wisely and the importance of saving it. In R.E, we will look at celebrations such as Christenings, Muslim weddings and what happens at a Bar Mitzvah.

Handwriting

In handwriting we will be going over each letter to check they are formed correctly.



Computing

This term in Computing, we will learn how to copy and paste images, use search engines to find information and images. We will also add text to the pictures that we have found and create our own comic book characters.



Homework

Each MONDAY we collect homework exercise books that are also checked on Monday, if homework is handed in late it will not be checked until the following week. Homework will be sent out on 26th April due to the bank holiday. Please send in any outstanding homework books so that the new menus can be added.

Spelling books will also be sent out next week with new spellings for the following week.

Every day, children should complete their daily diet:

- read their books on Bug Club or Wheelers or a reading book for at least 10 minutes
- reading records should be signed so that we know that your child is reading at home
- practise spellings

In addition, your children can use Sumdog to practise their maths or play games such as Karate Kats to improve their spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Dates for Spring 2

Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday - school closed

Thursday 5th May
Polling Day - school closed

INSET DAY for staff

Fri 27th May	Golden Jubilee Celebration - see the weekly newsletter for more details
	Last day of this term - 3.30pm finish
Mon 6th June	Back to school - Term 6