



Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery | Spring Term 1 | 2024



Dear Parents and Carers. Thank you for your continued support this academic year. We have really enjoyed learning about outdoor adventures. We have enjoyed lots of hands on experiences, read lots of exciting stories on this topic and learnt some facts about owls, nocturnal animals and Forest School. Next term our topic is Superheroes.

Have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to another fun-filled and learning-packed term!

This half term, our topic is **Superheroes** and we will be focusing our learning around the key questions; **What can Superheroes do? Who is your hero?**

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

- **Superhero Day**

We can come in dressed up as a superhero and will take part in various superhero activities like designing a cape and practising our superhero jumping and climbing skills.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences and trips:

- Now Press Play (People Who help us)
- Invite your own Superhero play session, in which parents will be invited for a stay and play session in the Nursery classroom

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

- **Superhero Oracy Work**

We will be rehearsing speeches to film for Tapestry explaining who our "real life" heroes are and why

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be:

The children will talk about what makes someone a hero and what a "Superhero quality" might be





Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts:

Maisy's Weather Story

Supertato

There's a Superhero in Your Book

Dr Ranj A Superhero like me

Key skills:

- Explore sounds through the Read Write Inc programme
- Recognise words with the same initial sound
- Spot and suggest rhyming words
- Develop pencil control
- Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing.

Maths:

Key topics:

- Develop mathematical vocabulary
- Understand position through words
- Continue to develop counting skills including understanding that the last number in a set tells you how many

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

- People who help us: [School Learning Zone - People Who Help Us \(school-learningzone.co.uk\)](https://www.school-learningzone.co.uk)

Explore non fiction books about "People Who help us"

Explore the Supertato book collection

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

As part of the Nursery community, children will discuss how we can be a Bonnie Bird and "Dream Big" We will learn to collaborate and play in a group.

Understanding of the World

The children will Explore different materials both inside and outside. They will discuss differences between their own family and other families. The children will discuss different occupations and people who help us.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop hand control through painting, playdough, sand, water, drawing, cutting, letter formation, construction and outdoor play activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will express their ideas through making marks using a variety of materials. They will have a chance to explore different textures and take part in both adult directed and child initiated art activities. This term we will learn to play instruments with increasing control and will explore actions and sequences if movements as we pretend to be Superheroes.

Reminders:

PE is on a Monday and Forest School is on Wednesday. The children should come into school in their PE kits and trainers.

