

Term 2:

This term we will be covering two shorter topics starting with 'Superheroes' which will take up to mid November, then leading into 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' to start our Christmas topic. Please look at the attached overviews for this term.

To launch our Superhero topic we would love the children to come to school dressed as a superhero on **Tuesday 31st October**.

Winter weather:

As the weather gets colder don't forget to send in named hats, scarves, gloves and wellies as we would like the children to be equipped to use the outdoor activities in all weather. Please name all clothes so they are easy to return to the right child. Lost property with no name will be left in the cloakroom.

Learning journey folders

We would love to invite you in to look at your child's learning journey and see what we have been doing school so far. This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child about what they have done, and contribute to your child's journey by adding your own comments from home, or any pictures of 'Wow!' moments you might like to bring in. You are welcome to come one afternoon of the **week beginning Tuesday 7th November between 2:40-3:00** and your child can show you their folder. We will open the blue Foundation stage gate earlier on these days.

Foundation

Mrs Ball, Mrs Dann
and Mrs Hudson

Reading:

Your child should have started bringing home a reading book to share with you. These are our guided reading books, which we share during group reading time each week. As the children become more confident having a go at reading themselves we will give them a book band sticker in their reading record. They can then go and choose a second book from the colour coded shelves in the infant library. These books can be changed with you at any time, and we will change them when we do our reading groups each week too. Please write a comment in the reading record at least three times a week.

Diary date: Maths workshop

We will be running a Maths workshop on **Wednesday 22nd November** at 2:00 and again at 7:00. We hope you will be able to make it to one of these sessions.

Nativity creative evening:

We need your help!

This is advanced warning that we would like to invite you to come in to school one evening to help us make some props and costumes for the nativity production. Wine and nibbles will be provided! The date will be confirmed shortly.

Forest School

We will be starting Forest School after half term, on Thursday mornings. During Forest School the children play and explore in our nature area on the school field, exploring the environment, working in teams and creating art from natural materials - to name but a few things. This supports many areas of our curriculum.

The children will all go to Forest School each week. We would ask that they come into school dressed in Forest School clothes and bring their school uniform in to change into at lunch time. When going to Forest School the children need to bring in old clothes, wellies and waterproofs to change into (we have lots of spare waterproofs so don't worry if not!).

We would like to ask for some parent helpers to come and help out at Forest School sessions. If you are able to help please write your name on the sign up sheet on the board. Thank you.

Christmas Nativity:

This year our Nativity is 'Children of the World' and will take place on **Monday 11th December (pm) and Tuesday 12th December (evening)**. All of the children in the Infants take part, so please look out for cast letters over the next few weeks to let you know which part your child will be playing and if they need any clothes towards their costume.

We ticket our Nativity, to ensure we don't go over capacity in the hall. There will be a letter about this soon for you to request your tickets.

Superheroes Topic Overview Foundation

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Superhero hideout 	Educational Visits	
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dress up as superheroes (Tuesday 31st October) 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supertato ✓ Superworm ✓ Non fiction about people who help us
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class superhero story ✓ Superhero cape 	Home links - activities parents can do to support...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talk about people who help us - e.g. doctors, police officers, firefighters. ✓ Make up stories about superheroes together ✓ Reading and counting activities.
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Roleplay - creating stories in play. ✓ Taking turns to talk when sharing ideas ✓ Asking questions to find out more information. 	Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Helping others, showing kindness ✓ Asking for help if needed ✓ Working as a team. ✓ Taking turns and sharing ✓ Talking about feelings and how we show when we are happy/sad/cross.
Physical development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staying super healthy - teeth brushing, washing hands. ✓ Lots of Fine Motor Skills practice to develop hand coordination and pencil control ✓ Name writing ✓ Superhero obstacle course - moving over/under/around obstacles. 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recognising numbers to 10 ✓ Counting groups of objects to 10, then 20, saying one number for each object. ✓ Recognising shapes and talking about how they are the same/different ✓ Comparing length and height.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Writing secret codes (encouraging mark making). ✓ Writing labels for superhero vehicles ✓ Writing lists of superheroes ✓ Reading topic words ✓ Mark making. 	Expressive art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using different media to create city scenes - backdrops for story telling ✓ Imaginative play - making up stories ✓ Creating superhero music. ✓ Creating own superhero - using materials for a purpose.
Understanding the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ People who help us ✓ Materials to use for superhero gadgets! (exploring properties of different materials) ✓ Looking at the seasonal changes in Forest School. 		

Jolly Christmas Postman Topic Overview Foundation

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Santa's workshop ✓ North Pole Post Office ✓ Old fashioned sitting room for Christmas 	Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library visit. Cornerstone Theatre - The Nutcracker.
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Decorate the class for Christmas with the children (Week 5) 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Three Little Pigs ✓ Goldilocks and the Three Bears ✓ The Night Before Christmas
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Christmas arts and craft ✓ Cooking ✓ Retelling stories 	Home links - activities parents can do to support...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reading together daily. ✓ Talk about family celebrations - e.g. birthdays, Christmas. ✓ Find numbers in the environment (maybe on advent calendars!)
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Listening to stories. ✓ Sharing ideas. ✓ Talking about their interests. ✓ Sharing their own experiences 	Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talk to others about own interests. ✓ Take turns and negotiate with their peers. ✓ Show consideration for others (Link with Children in Need Day)
Physical development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using equipment safely. (e.g. scissors, art resources) ✓ Cutting skills - paper snowflakes. ✓ PE activities - Ugly Duckling dance. ✓ Name writing - pencil control. 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reciting and recognising numbers to 10, then 20. ✓ Counting sets of objects accurately, above 10. ✓ Adding two groups of objects. ✓ Comparing size - weighing parcels for Christmas. ✓ Measuring in cooking activities.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sharing traditional stories, ✓ Daily phonics sessions - learning new letters, practising blending and segmenting skills ✓ Writing and mark making - Christmas lists and cards ✓ Labels for pictures. ✓ Weekly Big Write activities linked to the topic 	Expressive art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Exploring different materials to create Christmas crafts. ✓ Cooking, making biscuits and cakes for Christmas ✓ Singing Christmas songs ✓ Learning Nativity play.
Understanding the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finding out about different celebrations and festivals - Christmas, Diwali, Hannukah. ✓ Christmas customs around the world. ✓ Christmas in the past. 		