



Autumn Term 2020

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Our topic this term is 'Superheroes'

Welcome back to the start of our new school year. What a strange time it has been. I hope you are all keeping well. We are pleased to once again be linking with our old friends from PAWS who now join us in Reception. A busy term is ahead of us.

PE: Thursdays

We look forward to having a new sports coach join us over the year. Mrs Lee-Turner will be taking us for Multi-skills for the first part of the year. Your child will need to remember to come to school in their PE kit each Thursday.

Reminder:

School PE kit is required to be black /navy shorts with a plain white top. Long tracksuit trousers with school hoodie or jumper. Training shoes.

Bits to remember to have in school:

Thank you for sorting out your child's pencil case and its contents. These seem to be working well.

Please remember that your child needs a *coat* (- preferably waterproof) to be in school each day.

In addition wellies are being used most days at the moment.

Start and End of Day

Arrangements:

Thank you for your continued patience and support in arriving at 9.05am and collecting your child at 3.15pm. Please don't hesitate to email through the school's admin email address or call the office to make an appointment if you need to discuss anything linked to your child's learning; I am happy to help in any way I can.

Lunchtime Arrangements:

Our class currently have our lunches within the school hall. We are being extra brave at trying out the new delicious menu which 'Tina' our new cook is making.

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: I hope you have already found the list of spellings for the first half of the term which I sent home in the 'Homework' book. I will include an additional sheet for you to keep at home. Each week your child will be tested on the spellings. Currently the spelling test is planned to take place each Wednesday. Please be aware that the day might need to be altered once the term gets underway. This means your child will be tested on the first list on **Wednesday 16th September**. Please also note the Challenge words are exactly this. If your child find the main list straight forward please include the extra couple of words. If however the list is challenging enough for them, please do not worry about the extra two.

Reading: To help your children gain confidence and progress in their reading skills, there is an expectation that they will read at least 3 times at home, during the week. It is really helpful if you date and sign in the reading record when this has taken place. Please note the reading scheme is designed for your child to read the books several times, becoming more fluent and therefore confident each time. In Year 1 we also spend time learning about reading with intonation; looking at the speech, exclamation marks and even ellipses. (...) If your child is good with decoding the words, this is the way to challenge them further.

Homework: As you will have already seen a weekly homework task will be set in addition to your child's spellings and reading. This will vary and be linked to what your child is learning in class. If there are any problems with the homework please don't hesitate to send me an email via the school's admin email address. I will also put the homework task on the School 360 Classroom. Currently I will set the homework on Tuesdays usually to be due back the following Monday .

Worship:

With the restriction linked with Covid we will hold a simple worship within the classroom rather than gather with the whole school in the hall.

Commando Joe (Co-Jo):

We continue with the Commando Joe challenges over the next weeks. Many of you may remember it from when your child was in Reception. It aims to build 'character' through looking at certain core character traits (Resilience, Empathy, Self Awareness, Passion, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork) We will be particularly focusing on the characteristics of Teamwork and Communication.

Science/ PSHE:

There are many areas of learning within Science this term, however, a key aspect will embrace 'Being healthy and safe'. We continue to perfect our hand washing, as we understand about germs and the need to keep ourselves and others safe and happy.