

# STEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome to Rabbits class and your first topic letter. Each term, you will receive a letter which outlines some of the learning taking place in school and the latest topic we are covering. This term is predominately about the children settling into school life, getting to know each other and our daily routines. However, we do also have a topic which we have named 'Super Me'. A superhero theme that will celebrate how super we all are.

We will begin by looking at ourselves and talking about the things we like to do. We will be finding out about how we grow (any baby photos, would be warmly welcomed) and family trees. We will then look at the changes we see in animals and in nature noting the seasonal changes. As Harvest approaches, we will focus on the growth of plants and how different parts can be used for different things.

Our role play area has become a bat cave with a twist. It is the headquarters for all superheroes. Rabbits class in charge of her superhero contact book and in effect the safety of the world. During the term, we will be receiving secret missions that will provide us with opportunities to explore materials, measurements and patterns. We will also be creating 'wanted' posters, and we will be helping to run the Daily Planet newspaper for Clark Kent.

The topic will also encourage consideration of right and wrong as we look at super villains and we will be thinking and talking about real life heroes from the past and present. Michael Recycle will also be teaching us about what we can do to save our planet. We will be making our own costumes, in school, using only recycled items. So any potential capes, masks, utility belts etc that you may have in your recycled bin please send in to school.

Our topic is directed and guided by the interest of the children so anything your child would like to bring in and share, related to the topic, is always appreciated. Your child is also welcome to share with their class any significant events or activities that happen out of school. We will have a regular slot of a Thursday afternoon for 'show and tell' items but this will be flexible in order to accommodate part time children.

In a few weeks, your child will soon receive their eagerly awaited first reading books. The focus of these books is to encourage the children to look at the pictures discussing what they see and to tell their own stories. These books can also be read by you encouraging any talk of identified sounds, rhyme or repetition. Anytime you read with your children please write in their link books, this enables us to keep a record of their reading progress and maintain communication between home and school.



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Starting from the 26<sup>th</sup> September, Every Wednesday morning between 9.00 and 9.15 I would like to invite you and any younger siblings to join us in the classroom for some shared reading. For the 15 minutes, we will have a choice of different books, or you can bring one from home, to share with your child and/or others. It would be a lovely opportunity for you to come in and spend some time in our classroom.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dinnis-Searle