

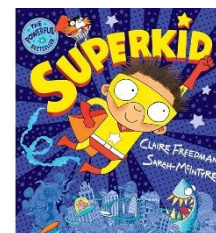
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and that your children are glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here is a newsletter to update you on what is coming up this term.



Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'Superkid', which is about a boy who is always ready to save other children from all kinds of trouble. We are working towards presenting instructions on 'How to make a Superhero Potion'. During each lesson, we will be learning how to **orally rehearse what we are going to write** before we write it. This helps us with our accuracy and fluency in writing. We will continue to focus on using **capital letters, full stops and finger spaces**.



During our daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. We are focusing on using our sounds to segment and blend words using 'Fred Talk'.

To develop comprehension in reading, we use the *Talk Through Stories* programme. *Talk Through Stories* helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature. The QR code below will take you to a video that explains a bit more about the importance of Talk Through Stories.



Mathematics



1st
first

2nd
second

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third

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fourth

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fifth

This half term we will look at **positions** and **addition and subtraction to 20**. In maths fluency, we will be focussing on **writing numbers to 20 accurately** and **number bonds to 10**.

Any time you can practise your child's counting, addition and subtraction to 20, number formation and number bonds to 10, it will really help with their learning. Thank you!

Science

In Science, we will be starting our new topic on **materials** and will be naming and identifying various materials. We will be using our oracy skills to compare and describe different materials and objects.



History



In History, we will be learning about **'Explorers'**. We will learn about what explores are and what they do and will learn about a few famous explorers and their adventures.

PSHE / JIGSAW

This half terms JIGSAW is focusing on our **dreams and goals**. The children will be looking at what our aspirations are, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.



Computing



In Computing this half term, we will be continuing our topic on **digital planning** and will move on to **programming**.

DT

In Design and Technology, we will be focusing on our **joining skills**, using a variety of materials, linked to our Science learning.



PE



PE days for next term:

ILS - Monday and Thursday

IG - Tuesday and Wednesday

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days.

Music

Mrs Le Brun will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons.



Homework



To keep developing our reading skills and a love of reading, it is really important to read at home regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year. To develop this love of reading, it is important to share stories together with your child.

Read Write Inc books will be sent home at least once a week (depending on their group). This will be the book that they have practised in class. It is important that your child re-reads this book at home to develop confidence and fluency in their reading. Please make sure that this is returned each week.

In addition to this book, new 'Book bag books' will also be sent home. Your child can change this book as many times a week as they like, as long as they bring the previous one back! They could have a new one every night!

General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning will be like in Year 1. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 doors at the end of each school day, but you can also email us to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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