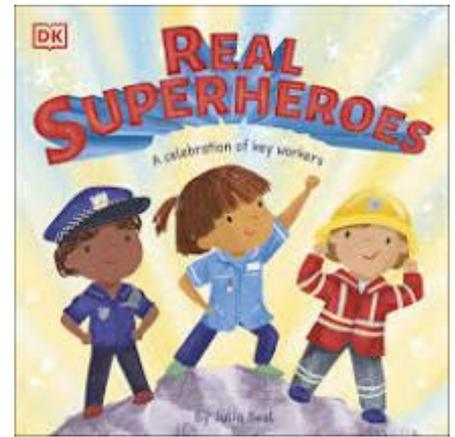


Spring 2 Term Newsletter

Firstly, thank you so much for all your support and patience during our period of lockdown learning.

We hope you had a great, if quiet, half term holiday and enjoyed spending time at home!



Learning Focus

Last week we enjoyed learning about the importance of equality for everyone and how sometimes we need to be brave to achieve that. The children will all return on Monday 8th March and that week we will spend time going over the rules and routines as well as making sure the children are really happy to be back at school with one another.

Our topic learning will be REAL SUPER HEROES, which is all about people who help us. We are inviting parents who are key workers to send in videos talking about their jobs and offering the children the chance to ask questions.

We will also learn about different Spring festivals such as Holi, Easter and Norouz.

Maths

In Reception our focus is not on how high we can count but having an in depth knowledge of things we can do with numbers up to 20 such as exploring what makes up the number, what comes before/after, doubling and halving and using the language of addition and subtraction.

Writing

As the children's confidence has grown in writing their weekend news we will continue to encourage them to write for other purposes e.g. lists, captions, letters etc. and become independent with this. For those that are ready we will be encouraging them to extend their writing by using full sentences and added details.

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is named and that your child has warm clothing on their peg to change into, should they get wet. Please send in waterproofs and welly boots for your child's outdoor day.

Reading Days

Reading days may change next term so that teachers get to share their time equally with all children. Please keep a look out for a new day being written on/in your child's yellow book.

Phonics

After the first week, once the children have settled back into the term we will be putting them into at least 3 groups that are not their usual class groups. They may do phonics in a different classroom but there will be a strict seating plan and as much spacing as possible to ensure they are only sat with their class members. Sometimes being in a new group can cause a bit of anxiety initially, but very quickly, they love the new opportunities this brings. The reason we spend a lot of time planning and thinking about this, is to best meet the needs and different learning styles of all children. We will not be able to change children into different groups unless, as term progresses, we feel it would benefit an individual.

We wish you a very happy return to school and can't wait to be back together again!

The Reception Team