



# Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter and we are so excited to see you all back in school for a busy half term.

This half term our learning will be centered around 'Marvellous Machines' and our class text 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. We will merge the two and learn about keeping fit and healthy along with superheroes that help us such as doctors, nurses, firefighters and police officers. We look at how we use machines in our everyday life to cook healthy food and keep us fit.

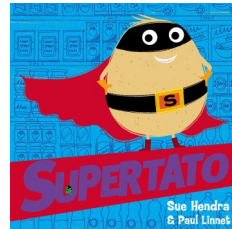
We have lots of D&T opportunities this half term using machines to help us prepare food, equipment such as knives to chop up healthy ingredient's and of course taste testing too!

On Wednesday 20th May 2026 we are planning our Superhero WOW day, where we are inviting children to come dressed as their favourite fictional (Spiderman or super girl) or real life hero ( police officer or nurse).

This term promises to be packed full of fun and great opportunities to learn, as we begin our transition to Year 1 we start to encourage our Reception children (who can) to start coming into the coat room and sort their own belongings with more independence each morning.

We look forward to all the SUPER activities we have planned for your children and as always we thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Davies & the EYFS Team



## Home Learning:

This term we have 6 homework activities to reflect the number of weeks this term. Children only need to complete a maximum of one homework task each week. Homework books to be given to Class teacher on Monday's they will be returned on Tuesday's.

## Home Reading:

All children now have books with words during this half term. We are incredibly proud of the readers our children are becoming.

We are starting our Phase 4 Phonics sessions this Summer term. These continue to be challenging sessions that require lots of practice.

We ask that children are read with 5 times a week, even just one page a day helps! Once you have read with your child we ask you leave a note in their diary's so we can work more collaboratively to ensure your child is getting the best support.

## Library Visits

Our Reception children have really enjoyed our trial visiting the school library and choosing stories to take home. We would like to continue to do this throughout the school year but it is really important that the books are returned to school on Monday. The children visit the school library on Friday and get to keep the book over the weekend. All the books in our school library are brand new and fantastic quality. Please take the upmost care of our books as we would like lots of children, for years to come, to get enjoyment from these books.

## Muddy Monday's



Muddy Monday's will continue throughout this half term, come rain or shine, so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor learning.



Children will continue to have their outdoor PE session on this day so P.E kits can be worn.



It is worth checking the weather forecast over the coming months as children may need sun hats and sun lotion as the weather begins to warm. We recommend children wear all day sun cream or bring a bottle to school with your child's name, that they can apply themselves.



## Phonics:

The children this half term will be continuing to revise their Phase 3 sounds and embarking on some challenging Phase 4 learning. There are some new tricky words to learn and spell but most of what we will be learning is based around what the children already know. Children will be learning how to 'chunk' to read and spell longer words, recognising and using trigraphs and digraphs correctly in their reading and writing. As always if you would like to come in and see our Phonics in action please let Mrs Davies know and she can arrange a time for you to observe a session that suits you during our school day.

## English:

Learning this half term will be based around the story 'Supertato' By Sue Hendra.

During English session children will be encouraged spell words phonetically using correct letters and sounds. We will be expecting children to write at greater length; making sentences, using simple sentence rules such as starting with capital letters, using finger spaces throughout and full stops to show sentences are finished.

This term we will also be asking our children to write with growing independence. Using tools and equipment to scaffold their own writing and create their own sentences from scratch. This can be challenging for some children but we would like all our children to practise this skill now ready for the transition for Year 1.

## Mathematics:

This term Maths work is focused on building fluency with numbers to 10 revisiting counting forwards and backwards, adding and taking away as well as telling number stories using these processes.

We will also be moving on to recognising and using numbers to 20. We will be practising using two 10 frames to show amounts to 20, writing numerals to 20 and counting out loud to 20.

Children will be looking at numerical patterns and for the first time we will introduce the concept of doubling. We will be learning what a double is and how to recognise doubled amounts. We will start to identify doubles and begin to recall/ apply double facts.

### Understanding the World:

All our topic work is based around 'Marvellous Machines' this term.

There are machines all around us, they are part of our everyday life but how do they work?

This half term we will be learning about different types of power, using household machinery to make food and of course programming our robots too!

### P.E:

A change to P.E sessions they will now be on Monday's and Wednesday's.

Monday sessions will be outdoors where children will practise speed and agility. Lots of racing and chasing games in lots of open space.

Wednesday's sessions will be indoors with our Time4Sports coach and the children will be working collaboratively to solve problems in games and team building exercises.

### R.E:

This term in R.E we will be learning about special places.

We each have special places where we can go but this term we will be looking at special places for Christians, Muslims and Jews where they can go to pray and worship.

Children will learn about Christian churches, Muslim Mosques and Jewish Synagogues during their learning and get to learn about each of their special features.

### PSHE:

During PSHE session this term children will be reflecting on their friendships over the year and how they have grown and changed.

We will be talking about what it takes to be a good friend and how to overcome problems with your friends.

We will learn about how unkind words can hurt our friends and the impact that can have on others feelings.

We are all one big group of friends in Reception .

### Diary Dates:

PE KITS ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY.

Mon 4th May –Bank Holiday school closed.

Wed 20th May– Come dressed as a hero.

Mon 25th May –Half Term

Mon 1st June-INSET day

Mon 15th June (AM)- EYFS Sports morning.

Fri 19th June– Fathers Day Garden Games

Wed 1st July– Trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium.

Mon 20th July– Summer Holiday