

January 2022

Term - Spring 1

Foundation 1

Dear Parents and carers, welcome back, we hope everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday and you are all safe and well.

**VERY IMPORTANT** If you have not applied for a place for your child to attend the Reception class in September please do so immediately as the closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January. Don't delay apply today!!! Please apply on line @

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

We welcome our new children and families who are joining us in the afternoon nursery. We are sure you will all have a lovely time in our Nursery.

Our Topic's begin with a question to encourage the children to be inquisitive, our question this half term is - 'Can all Super heroes fly?' The planning always starts with the children's ideas so when we asked them what they knew about Super heroes they told us lots of names of Super heroes we have never heard of so it looks like we will all be learning something new this half term.

The main focus of Early years learning is to develop speaking and listening skills alongside social skills, I think we should easily achieve this as they are so excited about the topic and couldn't wait to tell me their ideas.

On Monday's the children will be starting P.E. in the hall, they do NOT need a P.E. kit. For this we will be taking our shoes and socks off and then putting them back on again at the end (this is to prepare them for the Reception class and increase their independence).

Could you please encourage your child to do this at home, if they don't already, so that we can enjoy longer doing our activities. All the children have managed to put their own shoes on after our outdoor days so it is not too much advancement.

**Week 1+ 2** We will be learning how to play in our new roleplay areas and making new resources to enhance our play and develop our story ideas. I am really excited about making Jet packs it looks like lots of fun, if you have any small empty pop bottles please send them in in the first 2 weeks. Alongside the Super hero activities we will be asking the children what they want to achieve in the next few weeks, a goal or New Year's resolutions that we can help them to work towards. I will share these with you so that we can all work towards them as a home/school team to help the children achieve them.

**Week 3** This week we will be Scientist testing who has the fastest vehicles and finding out how to make them go faster, this will be on land as well as in the water.

We will also be finding out how to make a Superhero fly. The children's questions about Superheroes will also be looked at this week to see if we can find out the answers.

We will be looking at our 'goals' to see if we can overcome any challenges we might face.

**Week 4** We will be developing our artistic skills this week with ideas to represent noises and movement. We will also be talking about who is our Super hero at home and why. This maybe a tear-jerking moment as the children will tell me why their mum's and dads are their Superheroes.

This week we will also look at the wild animals in Britain and the birds that visit our school field. We will be finding out how we can help them e.g. make a bird feeder for the birds and making a Winter home for the Mini beasts that live on our field. We will also be looking carefully at the birds to see if we can identify them.

**Home Task - The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch** is during the weekend 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January, if you would like to take part at home you can order a free pack at <https://www.rspb.org.uk> . If you do so please bring in a copy of your bird tally and any photographs you might have taken so that we can add the birds to our class bird identity parade.

During our P.E. sessions as Super heroes, we will practice our balancing skills by walking the plank and practice our ball control by rolling a cannon ball at the bowling pins.

**Week 5** This week we will be learning about 'Chinese New year', this year is the year of the Tiger. We will be learning the story of 'The Great Race', making Dragon mask and having a go at a Dragon dance.

For our Super hero topic we will be meeting a Super hero and asking them lots of questions. Who will it be??

We will be looking again at our 'goals' to make sure we are on target to achieve them next week.

**Week 6** Our final Super hero week will be an ICT linked week. We will be programming 'Beebots' to move around our Superhero map to rescue those in need. We will also attempt to tell the stories we have been working on in front of a 'Green screen' to add a Super hero background. Keep your fingers crossed that we can do it. Parent's if you have any experience at this, please let Mrs haycock know, she would be very grateful for the support.

On the last day of the half term Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February we are going to have a Superhero day. The children can come dressed as Superheroes, please do not spend a lot of money on this, if your child does not already have costume we have some costumes on in nursery and about 20 capes and masks they could put on top of trousers and a t-shirt.

Our literacy theme is Rhythm and rhyme, continuing from before Christmas. We will be reading lots of rhyming books, playing rhyming pairs games and making rhyming strings of as many words as possible. If you don't have any rhyming books at home to support this learning theme, we have plenty in our Friday library if you would like to borrow them.

Don't forget that if you have a problem or question about Nursery, please see Mrs Haycock at the gate or send me a message on Dojo. If it is something urgent and you don't have time to see me at the gate, please ring the office and they will pass a message to me.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Haycock, Mrs Newby and Ms Foster - Your Nursery team.