



AUTUMN TERM ONE - YEAR TWO NEWSLETTER **SUPERHEROES!**

English

We are kick starting our year with a superhero topic and our focus text is Supertato! During this topic, the tables will turn, and the children will need to think about 'What if Supertato was a baddy?!' The children will complete short bursts of writing to share their thoughts. They will be encouraged to use our focus vocabulary to add extra interest.

The children will sequence the story and use our model text innovate it and create their own version. We will look at how we use: when, if, that, because in a sentence. What a way to kick start the year!

Our T4W focus vocabulary: *unravel, gingerly, unfortunately*

Our focus common exception reading and spelling words: *door, poor, floor, because, hold told, both, old, cold, gold*

Home learning suggestions

1. **Reading:** As mentioned in our Year 2 parent chat, we will be reviewing phase 5. Most children will be given a Phase 5 Little Wandle book to read unless they were on Phase 2-4 at the end of Year 1. Please ensure reading books and reading diaries are brought into school every day. **Please read with your child at least 3 times a week.**
2. Write a diary of the day in the life of a hero or villain. Could you include some of the key vocabulary?
3. Create a non-fiction page about your favourite villain or superhero (remember a hero could be an everyday hero such as a doctor, police officer or fire fighter)

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will begin by focusing on place value. This is to ensure that the children have a good, secure understanding of 2-digit numbers before moving into addition and subtraction. The children will begin by revisiting number bonds to 10 and fact families within 20. The children will use this knowledge to look at bonds to 100. We will move onto adding and subtracting 1 and then look at adding by making 10 first – looking for the number bonds and relationships between numbers. The children will then add across 10 before moving onto subtraction., 10 more/less.

The children will revisit their previous knowledge on greater than and less than to compare number sentences and solve missing number problems. This unit revisits many objectives that were covered in Year 1 and looks at building confidence in making links. The addition and subtraction unit will continue after half term, so plenty of time to practise 😊

Home learning suggestions

The 2 QR codes will take you to two different games: Save the Whale and Lifeguards. Both are tablet friendly. These games practise partitioning numbers and number bonds to 10.

If you want to show us your work, then play the games and recording the calculations on paper to bring into school or share them on Natterhub. Have fun!



Topic

Science: We will be learning about animals including humans. We will learn about what animals need to survive and the life cycle. We will look at how animals adapt to different environments.

RE: We will start with learning about the Parable of the Sower. The children will explore this parable and show their understanding through a craft activity. The rest of the unit will link to previous learning about Jonah and the whale. The children will think about how Christians put beliefs into worship.

PE: The children will focus on the fundamental skills of movement and co-ordination. They will participate in team activities to practise these skills and learnt to work together as a class.

Computing: The children will look at the purposes of IT for completing various tasks. These will link to Supertato including drawing, emailing and creating a mini video. The children will look at how IT helps in the everyday and login to Natterhub for the first time in Year 2 with their own personal password.

History: As with every year, we love to celebrate our unique school logo – the Plesiosaur. We will learn about Mary Anning and why she was a significant figure. The children will explore art by Andy Council as well as learning a dino dance and rap, how exciting!

Art: The children will look at the artist Roy Lichtenstein. The children will create their own pop art using vegetables! Another super link to Supertato!

PSHE: We will be focussing on the worries children may have with starting Year 2. We will look at how we deal with different emotions using colour monster and re-launch our regulation stations. The children will think about their families and how they can help with their emotions. The children will also take part in an emotions workshop later in the term.

Music: The children will focus on pitch and rhythm. They will look at different songs to appraise and use the handbells to play different tunes.

Home learning suggestions

1. Research our focus artist and create your own at home. Try using different media such as paint, chalk or potato printing.
2. Create a family tree. Can you add your Great-Grandparents?
3. Go on a bug hunt in the garden or park. Have a chat about what makes that a suitable home for creepy crawlies. Could you create a short informative video? Or a mini booklet?

Extra helpful information

PE day

Dragonflies: Wednesday Glowworms: Friday Spiders: Monday

The PE uniform is white t-shirt and navy/black leggings/joggers and a navy/black jumper, trainers or plimsolls.

PE kits must be in school every day as timetables can alter at the last minute and all items of clothing must be named and in a named bag.

If you would like your child to wear laces up school shoe or trainers please could you spend a little bit of time teaching them how to tie laces.

Important dates:

Thursday 4th September – Start of term

26th September – Emotions workshops (in school activity)

TBC – Wellbeing Day (Marvellous Me)

TBC - History Day – Plesio Day

TBC – Walk to the Library

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