



Spring 2020 2nd Half Term – Nursery

Half way through the year already! It has been lovely to see the children blossoming in confidence and self-esteem throughout the year and the progress they have made in learning new letter sounds.

Last term, the children loved learning about Space and got fully engrossed in a range of activities throughout the topic. They learnt the names of the planets and enjoyed singing songs about aliens, rockets and planets. We turned our role play area in to a spaceship where the children had access to technology to act out being astronauts flying to Space. We read a range of stories to reflect this learning and enjoyed hearing non-fiction books about Space as well. We have been so impressed with how much information they've been able to remember.

This term, Team Woodland will be learning about Superheroes. This is an enjoyable topic for the children with so many opportunities to broaden their imagination. We will be reading stories including: 'Eliot Midnight Superhero' by Anne Cottringer, 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson and many other stories based around this theme. Please continue to look at Tapestry and upload learning at home. ☺

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

'Superheroes' will be an opportunity to explore being helpful, caring and responsible. The children will develop their understanding of right and wrong and how they can resolve problems. We will look at developing a "Growth Mindset" which encourages reframing of negative thoughts (*I can't do this, it's too hard*) positively (*this is going to take some time and effort*), focusing on a different "super" attribute each week.

Communication & Language

As the children become 'Superheroes', they will be faced with lots of 'challenges.' This will involve them in being able to take into account listener's needs and how to help them. We will focus on the children communicating effectively when talking about the past, present and future.

Physical Development

As 'Superheroes' the children will learn to explore many different ways to 'save the world!' We will encourage them to take risks and safely negotiate space. We will provide physical opportunities for the children to explore and discuss the effect exercise has on our bodies.

Literacy

We will read a number of Superhero related books and base some of our adult focus literacy activities around these. We will begin a real focus on getting the children to recognise and write their own names too.

Maths

Measuring distances and timing races fits very well with our focus on healthy living and exercise. We will also introduce estimating, using terms like 'less' and 'fewer'.

Understanding the World

The children will be exploring how to 'rescue victims' from earth and water. This will include looking at the different states of water e.g. ice to water and water to ice.

Expressive Arts

This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to use their imagination as they begin to act out being a real superhero. They will construct tall buildings, bridges and other scenarios.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ We do not always check the children's book bags. Please hand in any important letters to the office (or place it in the grey post box outside the office.)
- ★ If your child has a toileting accident in school and is clothed using our stock of clothes please promptly wash and return the items. If you think there is any chance your child will have an accident at school please ensure they have a change of clothing in their book bag or hanging on their peg. We also always appreciate donations of clothing.
- ★ Grown-ups in Golden Time: 13th March.
- ★ We are always looking for materials for junk modelling. If you have any household recyclables please donate these to your class teacher.

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