



# Reception

Newsletter Spring 2, February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope you had a restful half term and are looking forward to yet another busy and exciting half term ahead. We are very happy to welcome Miss Millward into our wonderful Early Years Team! She is an Early Years practitioner in Ash Class and the children have warmly welcomed her to Summercroft with beautiful cards and smiles! 😊

## TOPICS

This half term (due to very high demand across Early Years!!), both Nursery and Reception will be focussing on SUPERHEROES!! Some of the books we will be focussing on are the Supertato collection by Sue Hendra, Superworm by Julia Donaldson and we will of course be looking at some of the Marvel stories. In the last week of the half term (week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March), we will be learning about Easter to prepare for the holidays.



## ARE YOU A SUPERHERO?



We think so!! We would love to hear from any superheroes from within our community. If you are a Doctor, nurse, fire fighter, police officer, dentist (and many more!) please let us know as we would you to come in and tell us. The children would love to hear about your superpowers, we are sure they would have lots of questions for you.

## SUPERHERO PARTY!

On 24<sup>th</sup> March to end our Superhero topic, we will be having an Early Years superhero celebration! We ask for the children to come in dressed up as a superhero (this can be their favourite superhero or their own one that they have made). Super Mackinnon, Super Webster and Super Cheer are very excited for superhero party games, food and fun!!



## WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March it is World Book Day. On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book. To celebrate our love of books in Reception, we would like the children to bring in a favourite book to share with their class. Also during this week Summercroft will have a visit from The Scholastic Book Fair (more information to follow).

## TALKATIVE TUESDAYS

Due to a change in Staff Meeting day, we will be changing 'Welcome Wednesdays' to 'Talkative Tuesdays' which will be every first **Tuesday** of the month, straight after school.

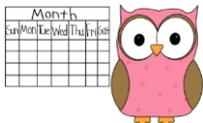


Finally, the most important thing is that your child is happy at school and has fun while they are learning. Please continue to share with us your children's interests and any wow moments and don't hesitate to let us know of any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Miss Cheer and Miss MacKinnon 😊

## Dates for your diary!



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**World Book Day** - Children can dress up as their favourite character from any book. More information will follow.

**Every first Tuesday of the Month 3.15-3.30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Talkative Tuesdays** - Parents and Carers welcome in the classroom between 3.10pm and 3.30pm every first **Tuesday** of the month.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Staff CDP Day** – School Closed

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Early Years Superhero Party** – children come to school dressed as a superhero.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Term ends 1.15pm**

## How to help your child at home:

- Reading a variety of books with your child.
- Retelling familiar stories in their own words or using the pictures in a book. Can they change the ending?
- Practising oral blending in games such as 'I Spy' (I spy a.. c-a-t/z-i-p).
- Hiding phonemes/words/alphabet/numbers around the house.
- Simple addition and subtraction using objects at home.
- Problem solving i.e. I bought five apples and ate two, how many are left?
- Talk about eating healthily and keeping fit.
- Ask your child to write some items on your shopping list to find in the supermarket.

## Useful Websites

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com>

## Useful Apps

Hairy letters

abc PocketPhonics

Phonics Lilies

Forest Phonics

Number Line

Ladybird Maths

Hungry Fish

Math, Age 3-5 and Age 4-6

Tap A Tune

Bee-Bot

Monster Hunt (Memory game)

\*There are also several free read-along books such as 'Toy Story Read Along' or 'Collins Big Cat'.

## Understanding the World

### People and Communities

Talk about superheroes in our local community (Fire Fighters, Police, Doctors etc.)

### The World

Looking at the changes that occur as Winter turns into Spring

### Technology

How to use a mouse effectively.  
How to sign in on the computer.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

### Reading

Read simple sentences independently.  
Supertato by Sue Hendra, Superworm by Julia Donaldson, Superkid by Claire Freedman, Marvel stories.

### Writing

Writing superhero stories, focussing on remembering finger spaces, a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end.

### Speaking and Listening

Design and describe our own superhero using wow words.

## Physical Development

### Moving and Handling

Developing our fine motor skills  
A superhero obstacle course, focussing on balancing and climbing.

### Health and self-care

Making healthy choices and finding out about healthy and unhealthy foods.  
Creating a super healthy superhero supper!

Superhero! Spring 2, 2016

## Expressive Arts and Design

### Exploring and using media and materials:

Using tools to shape, assemble and join materials when making things such as capes, superhero masks and props.

### Being Imaginative:

Re-enacting, changing and making up our own superhero stories.  
Making costumes and props to support our role play.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### Self-confidence and self-awareness

Choosing the resources they need for their chosen activities. Having a go first before asking for help.

### Making relationships

Playing co-operatively, taking turns with others.

## Mathematics

### Number

Recognising and ordering numbers to 10, then 20.  
Using the vocabulary involved in addition and subtraction.  
Doubling.

### Shape, Space and Measure

Uses everyday language related to time.  
Measuring in simple ways e.g. using sand timers, stop watch, counting.