

Foundation Stage 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 1 - 2019

Our theme for Autumn Term 1 is:

Journeys and Superheroes

Our main focuses are:

- To think about different modes of transport
- To think about where we can go on journeys, linking it to personal experiences.
- To learn about different superheroes and what their powers are.
- To think about what makes everyone special and to talk about what our talents /super powers are.
- To investigate different materials and their properties.
- To learn about freezing and melting.
- To learn about real life superheroes and how they help people.

Our theme will last for: 6 weeks

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (P.S.E.D)

In this topic we will be:

Doing circle games to get to know each other.

Learning the rules and expectations in our new classes.

Learning to share and take turns.

Learning about our feelings and emotions.

Talking about talents and what makes us special.

Thinking about how people help us and how we can be helpful to others.

Behaviour and Safety:

During this topic, we will be looking at how to be safe in our community by thinking about stranger danger and classroom safety. We will also be discussing our expectations of behaviour at school and thinking about how to make good choices.

Physical Development:

We know that we need exercise to help us keep fit and healthy, so this term we will be focussing our P.E. sessions on moving in different ways, playing games with the parachute and beginning to throw and catch.

In the classroom we will also be developing our cutting skills and using playdough and engaging in other activities to strengthen our fine motor skills.

Literacy

Within Literacy and during free flow we will be focussing on:

Being able to write on own name— it would be great if your child could practice writing their name at home, how about writing it in chalk on the ground outside?

Matching objects to initial sounds—at dinner time see if your child can tell you what sound their foods begin with. 'p' for peas, 's' for sausages.

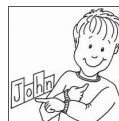
Beginning to form cursive letters.

We will use the sounds we are learning in phonics to:

- Write about how we travel to school—have a talk on the way to school about the transport. Do you walk or come in a car? What colour is the car?
- Make superhero wanted posters

We will also be reading and sequencing to stories such as:

- Journey
- Supertato



Understanding the world (Science/Geography/History)

In our amazing topic lessons we will be:

Learning about different modes of transport and how they work and what they're used for. Exploring a range of transport and looking at how they move.

Thinking about places we could go on journeys to - linking to personal experiences.

Learning all about abilities and what talents are.

Learning about real life superheroes and what makes them a superhero. This will include learning all about firemen, police officers, ambulance technicians and how they help people.

Learning about waterproof and non waterproof materials and thinking about the different properties of a range of materials. We will be doing experiments to find the right materials to make a cape for a superhero thinking about the material's properties.

Exploring ice and trying to unfreeze the ice in a range of ways. We will explore the best way to melt the ice to rescue the superheroes.

Mathematics

Within Mathematics and during free flow we will be:

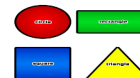
Recognising numbers 1-10—see what numbers you can see out and about in shops, on road signs etc.

Writing numbers 1-10—it would be great for your child to practice writing their numbers at home too! How about getting messy and writing them in shaving foam?

Matching objects to numerals- when playing with their toys ask your child to find 3 cars or 2 teddy bears to practice matching objects to the correct number.

Naming and recognising 2D shapes— you could go on a shape hunt and see what shapes you can find.

Learning different number songs and rhymes—there are some great songs on YouTube that you could try!



Expressive Art and Design

For this topic we will be looking at many types of art and design using lots of different skills and techniques.

We will be:

- Using a range of construction materials to build and create
- Making trains using different media.
- Creating potato sailboats.
- Decorating vegetables from the 'Supertato' story.
- Making capes for superhero role play.
- Making superhero role play props e.g. masks.
- Creating our own superhero.
- Engaging in fireman/policeman crafts.



As well as many other exciting creative activities!

Communication and language

The role play and the small world area will be used to encourage children to use new vocabulary, their imagination and team work skills as well as developing their story telling skills.

Shared home learning:

Learning at home is just as important as learning at school— please help your child with writing their name and learning their numbers 1-10.

The Foundation Stage 2 team would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Foundation Stage 2. We are looking forward to an exciting academic year and working well with you all throughout the year.

