



### A message from the teacher

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope the children had an enjoyable festive break and that they are coming back to school looking forward to the new year ahead! In this newsletter I will introduce you to our exciting new topic and give you some information about what we will be covering this half term.

### This term's topic is ...

#### Superheroes



KERPOW! Intergalactic greetings, young heroes. It's time to rescue the planet from evil villains! Who's your favourite superhero? Spider-Man? Wonder Woman? Maybe your heroes are ordinary people who've achieved great things. Or is it those people who save lives in our emergency services that you admire the most?

**Calling all Superheroes!! Our superhero hunt will commence on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – please come in your superhero attire!**

*(Y1 Children are invited to wear superhero fancy dress to school on this day)*

### Mathematics and Numeracy

In our maths lessons this term we will be looking at consolidating and developing our number and place value understanding. We will learn number bonds to 8 & 9; find one more and ten more and learn to add three numbers using our knowledge of bonds to 10. We will look at what tens and units are in place value terms and use this to help us add multiples of 10 to any 2-digit number. We will learn about collecting and presenting data in block graphs and pictograms and we will look at finding different ways to pay amounts up to 20p and find change from 10p.

### Language, Literacy and Communication (English)

Through our topic work we will continue to learn writing increasingly structured sentences through a range of planned and enhanced free play activities. We will be writing stories about Superheroes and creating our own comic strips. We will share some exciting Superhero stories including 'Supertato' and complete a range of engaging activities from these stories. We will continue to practise our handwriting using the cursive style. We are going to move onto learning new phonic sounds this term and will be practising using them in our writing. This term we will launch our new spelling scheme and children will be sent home with weekly spellings linked to the sounds we are learning that week. Our weekly Guided Reading sessions will continue and there will be individual books to practise reading at home.

### Expressive arts

Through our topic work, we will create our own superhero masks looking at colour mixing and effect. In music we will learn about pitch and work in partners to create superhero sound effects for heroes and villains!

### Health and well being

In PE we will be learning different ball skills including movement and passing. In Social Development, we will look at healthy eating and how to keep our bodies healthy. Through our topic we will look at making good and bad choices.

Language, Literacy and Communication (Welsh)	Science and Technology
<p>We will continue to use Welsh incidentally every day, extending our answers and questioning skills. We will become familiar with the patterns ‘Es i i’r...?’ and ‘Faint ydy dy oed di?’</p> <p>We will also be undertaking a range of activities in preparation for the celebration of St David’s Day.</p>	<p>As part of our topic children will learn about the magnetic properties of different materials and use magnets to perform superhero rescues! We will also investigate how our senses rely upon each other and what we use them for.</p>
<p><b>Humanities</b></p>	<p>In IT, we will learn how to use a digital camera to create our own comic strips using different apps and software.</p> <p>In D&amp;T we will be creating our own superhero capes to disguise ourselves and give us super powers!</p>
<p><b>How you can help your child</b></p>	
<p>Read regularly with your child at home, both listening to them and them listening to you: reading should be fun and enjoyable! Play counting and phonic games together, practise cursive handwriting (you can use a pencil or even shaving foam to make it really fun!). Help your child with their weekly homework task, don’t do it for them but support them and make it an enjoyable experience for you both. Every little helps and the little and often approach tends to work best with any kind of learning/practice.</p>	
<p><b>Useful Information (stick me on the fridge!)</b></p>	
<p><b>Homework:</b> Homework is set termly and a ‘menu’ of activities will be given to choose from. Reading books are changed weekly and need to be kept in book bags.</p> <p>We are looking for volunteers to listen to readers, if you would like to help out please come and see me!</p> <p>😊</p>	<p><b>Snack:</b> Healthy snack is provided for the children at a charge of £1 per week (20p a day). This can be paid weekly or termly.</p> <p><b>Unfortunately, those who do not contribute to snack will only be provided with milk or water at snack time.</b></p>
<p><b>Wellies and Coats:</b></p> <p>We will be spending as much time as we can outdoors, in all weather, so please make sure a pair of wellies are in school for your child and that they have a suitable waterproof coat for school.</p>	
<p><b>PE kit:</b></p> <p>Your child will need a named t-shirt, shorts/joggers or leggings for PE. These can be kept in school and will be sent home every half term to be washed.</p>	<p><b>Spellings:</b> <i>Weekly spellings will be sent home to practise as part of our new spelling scheme.</i></p>
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**If you have any queries or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

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