



Reception Class One Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to our autumn term information letter. We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are now ready for an exciting reception year. In this letter we hope to inform you about what your child will be covering this term and some ideas as to how you can help your child at home.

The topics for this term is, **What is the greatest superpower?** This topic is being covered across the school at age appropriate levels.

Literacy

- Forming letters correctly
- Phonics - sounding letters, blending together graphemes to read words - c/a/t says cat. And segmenting for writing - cat is broken down to c/a/t
- Fiction - including Supertato, Superworm, My mum is a super hero, Super Daisy,
- Non-fiction - information texts about food and keeping healthy
- Rhyme and poetry

At home you could:

- Writing their first name with a capital letter at the beginning.
- Look together at fiction story and non-fiction books
- Practice sounds and letter names.
- Practice letter formation using the letter join web site.
- Reading Strategies: to use picture clues, sounding a word out or reading the whole sentence for context clues

Mathematics

- Recite number names to 10 then 20 in order.
- Begin to count a set of objects up to 10 (and record).
- Begin to understand the vocabulary of addition and to add one more to numbers up to 10.
- Remove one object from a set and count the remainder.
- Recognise and name 3D shapes - sphere, cube, cuboid, cone and pyramid.
- To begin to compare lengths and heights directly.
- Using their mathematical knowledge to solve problems

At home you could

- Play board games
- Practise counting.
- Find numbers in the environment - numbers on houses, cars etc.
- Solve problems - What shape is this package? How many sweets have I got?
- Make or draw patterns.
- Find shapes around the home.

Knowledge and Understanding

- Materials - make super hero suits, identify materials and properties
- Seasonal change -Harvest, seasonal fruits/vegetables, and different trees
- Plants - Identifying plants which are edible and the parts we eat..
- What keeps us healthy - linked to fruit and vegetables
- What is Harvest?
- Visiting the church and giving thanks.
- The seasons
- Getting ready for special celebrations.
- Computing - Mouse and keyboard skills
- Our own history – changes in super you!!
- Where is Barrington?

Creative Development

- Make fruit kebabs.
- Design, make and evaluate making a super hero cape
- Sketching and painting different fruits and vegetables.
- Designing and making models with moving parts.
- Making clay stars.
- Painting patterns in different shades.
- Christmas craft activities
- Singing songs about superheroes
- Using instruments to make different sounds

Physical Development

- Catching and throwing a ball
- Team games
- Parachute games
- Using scissors

Personal Social and Emotional Development

- Beginning and belonging
- Making and following class and school rules.
- Cooperating within the class
- Setting goals
- Keeping safe and assessing risk
- Identifying trusted adults

As we head into Autumn please send your child with a coat which has a hood. Even if it is raining we may still be outside. It is also important to provide your child with a water bottle every day, please only use water as this is much healthier and makes much less mess if spilt.

Homework will be given out on Wednesdays, please could it be returned by the following Monday.

We will be starting Forest school on Wednesday 26th September. We will use the woodland area just at the bottom of the school field for a range of activities linked to all areas of the curriculum. The children will need to have a coat and wellies. However, during Forest school, the children will be given waterproof overalls to keep them dry and warm. A separate letter will give more information.

Please check and make sure your child's clothes, PE kit and shoes are named, it makes it much more likely that items will be returned when they take a walk!

We welcome your support in sharing our Class One superstars. This is to celebrate your child's achievements, such as riding their bike, using a knife and fork, swimming a width of the pool, being well behaved at a family event etc. Please write their achievement on the star, cut it out and return it to school. These achievements will be celebrated in class and the stars displayed on the board in the classroom.

Finally if you have any worries or concerns please feel free to see either of us before or after school. If this is difficult for you please email or phone, if we are unavailable, leave a message and we will contact you back.



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