



# Reception/Year 1 Termly Newsletter

## Autumn 2 – 2020

Starts Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 ends 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a restful week and that all the children are now ready for a busy time ahead. This term, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Cleverley to our team (some of you know her from last year). From Monday to Thursday AM, Mrs Cleverley will be supporting the children's learning, particularly our Reception children, and ensuring they all make accelerated progress during the following terms. I also wanted to thank all the parents who took the time to arrange a progress meeting on Zoom. I will continue to work with all the children and I am positive that with your help we will have a very successful year.

### Our Topic

Now that children are settled, we will continue our topic *superheroes* and we will start teaching our Year 1 children some science and history knowledge throughout this topic. Reception children will use a superhero story as a hook, but they will decide how and what direction their learning will take.

**Key stories** - We will start the term with the story *Supertato* by Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet. As usual, we will be informing you when we move to a different story book.

### Important Information

**Book bags** - We aim to change Book Bags once a week.

This can happen on any day of the week, for this reason book bags need to be brought into school every day. We hope you can share the book with your child, explore unknown vocabulary and record this experience, including children's comments/progress, in their yellow reading record. For children in Year 1, please let us know how they are doing with their reading by writing in the reading record. Please listen to your child read the same story several times so they gain fluency.

**Homework** - Children will be taking home a 'Homework Challenge' every Friday. This will be a little project/activity that will be linked to our termly topic. The homework should be back by the following Friday.

In addition to their homework Challenge, YEAR 1 children will be bringing home a list of words to practise their spellings daily. Please support your child, this should not take too long. Children will have a short spelling check on Fridays.



**Physical Education (PE)** - our PE lessons will continue to be on **Thursdays**.

For safety reasons NO jewellery is allowed to be worn other than plain stud earrings.

**Forest School sessions** - will continue to be on Wednesday. Children are finding it difficult to sit on the carpet wearing wellies so please bring their wellies in a bag.



**Resources contribution** - We will continue to ask for a contribution of £1 a week. This donation is used to buy food for our class pet 'Rosie' (our guinea pig) and to provide your child with resources that have to be replaced frequently, for example: playdough, cooking ingredients, sensory materials like foam, etc.

### Dojo and Website

Our aim is to keep in continuous communication with you. To facilitate this, we encourage you to keep your Dojo connected and check the updates regularly. Additionally, we invite you to check our class page on the website to see what we have been up to.



If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with me, please let a member of staff know in order to book an appointment or send me a message on Dojo.

Thank you for your support and have an enjoyable first term,

*Mrs. Perez*