



Adventurers CLASS - Parents information sheet

Spring term 2024

Dear parents and carers,

A very happy new year to you all! We hope that you have had a restful Christmas and your child returns to us refreshed and ready for another term of exciting learning.

Daily routine

The morning routine will be the same. Please make sure the children's reading folder and water bottle is brought to school daily. Any school uniform, water bottles and coats must be clearly labelled.

Adventurers Assemble topic

The underlying theme is "Not all superheroes wear capes" and the children will explore how a superpower may not be physical but one of intelligence, creativity, compassion or bravery. The children will be introduced to several significant people who have made changes to life within living history e.g. the last 100 years. In addition, the children will learn about parts of the human body and the human life cycle. We will investigate the importance of exercise, a healthy diet, water and hygiene for humans and animals. We will also explore our super school using fieldwork, maps, aerial photos and surveys. I have included an overview which has further information on this topic. Please be aware that the topic planning and text focuses can change during the term depending on time limitations and children's interest.

If possible, please do not share the texts included on the curriculum plan until after they have been read in class. It is nice for the children to experience new texts in school and some of our learning journeys are about making predictions about what will happen in a story.

Numeracy

The children will have daily numeracy. Please support your child with their number work by practising times tables and regular counting. Year 2-please find times table rock star details inside their yellow reading book. In numeracy, the children will be learning new skills whilst also revisiting learning taught in previous lessons. This is done so that they can improve and deepen their confidence and ability in each skill.

Reading

Please hear your child read every night. Your support makes so much difference to his/her progress.

Due to recent recommendations in reading and how to make the most of our reading scheme we will now only change the reading books once a week. **Reading books will be changed on Fridays only and children will be given a book matched to their stage in reading.** Children need to read their book **3** times each-we understand that they made feel frustrated having to read the book again however following this process will enable them to make good progress with their reading and comprehension.

- First read: focus on word reading e.g. recognizing sounds and blending.
- Second read: allows for fluency as they should remember the words and therefore some understanding the story will develop.
- Third read: Fluent reading and the opportunity for the child and parent to ask questions about the story without it impacting upon the children's word reading.

To encourage responsibility and independence the children are asked to bring their reading folder and any other items that they need to hand in into the classroom. They are given reminders every day but please be aware that we do not check the children's book bags for letters and reading folders.

P.E.

Please make sure ALL kit is named clearly. P.E is scheduled for Tuesday and Games is scheduled for Wednesday. As the weather is quite cold at this time of year please ensure your child has warm joggers, spare socks and a jumper in their kit.

Show and Tell

I am aware that children are eager to share items from home with their friends so we will have a half termly show and tell. Our first show and tell will be on Thursday 19th January 2024. In the meantime, please discourage children from bringing in toys from home as these items get lost very easily at school.

HOMEWORK

- Reading everyday (please note when you have listened to your child read in their yellow books)
- **Superhero dress up day- Tuesday 5th January 2022 Dress up as a superhero.** This could be spider man or Thor, but you may dress up as any fictional or real person that you think is super e.g. Harry Potter or a doctor.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead and settling back into a happy routine quickly. Please do not hesitate to see me if you have any concerns or need any further information. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Rees and Miss Gorman

Class teachers