

Mathematics

This term, we'll become number detectives as we explore numbers to 10 through games, challenges and practical activities. We will practise counting forwards and backwards, ordering numbers and use mathematical symbols to compare them by discovering which numbers are greater than, less than or equal to others. We'll have plenty of opportunities to work together, solve puzzles and show our thinking in different ways. After half term, we will focus on addition and subtraction. We will explore number bonds and using the part-part-whole model to help us. Finally, we'll become shape experts by identifying, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes. There will be lots of opportunities to talk, investigate, play and learn together.

Computing

Lights, camera, superheroes! This half term, the children will become digital photographers, learning how to take photos on the iPads before cropping, resizing and editing them to transform themselves into superheroes! They will then get creative by designing digital storyboards using small world characters and create colourful photo collages.

Harmony and Forest School

We will begin by learning all about 'Superhero Creatures!' and all the amazing animals that inhabit our woodlands and school area. We will learn about where they live and how they help the world go around. After half term, we will begin our 'Learning in Nature' sessions linked to the Harmony curriculum. We will take our activities outdoors and use natural resources to explore new concepts through play.

English

This half term, we will become storytellers as we dive into our class text, '**Lunar Lightning**,' –a superhero with lightning fast speed! Using Talk 4 Writing, we will bring the story to life with actions, explore its characters, plot and then use our imaginations to create our very own versions of this. After half term, we will step into the role of toy designers, inspired by the story, '**Traction Man**,' and write an exciting non-chronological report about a toy we have designed. We will discover how headings, subheadings and factual sentences help us share information clearly. Alongside our writing, we will strengthen our phonics skills through fun games and activities as well as revisiting familiar sounds from Reception class. In Talk 4 Reading, we will explore a wonderful range of books, make predictions, spot similarities and answer questions as we develop our reading skills and love of stories!

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Topic 1- Superheroes to the Rescue!

Topic 2- What's in the toy box?

Music

Get ready to MOVE TO THE BEAT! After half term, the children will have lots of fun feeling the pulse, moving to music, exploring percussion instruments and joining in with familiar songs. They will develop their rhythm skills by copying and creating simple patterns and using graphic notation to represent sounds.

History & Geography

In our history lessons with Mr Gibbs, we will learn about important people from the past and will try to sort new and old objects. We also hope to learn about our local superheroes and people in our family who inspire us. In geography, we will focus on 'Physical Geography.' This includes, describing a locality and naming key features associated with a town or village, e.g. church, farm, shop, house.

Science

Our science topic this term is 'Animals including Humans.' We will learn how to identify the main parts of the human body, how are bodies help us, and link them to our own 'super' senses. We will also learn how to classify animals by what they eat and where they live. Finally, we will move onto learning how animals have powers of their own as they adapt to survive in their environment.

Physical Education

With Mr Gibbs, we will be learning all about 'invasion games.' Games that will support fundamental movement skills and allow children to develop simple tactics. It will also be an opportunity to learn about fair play and deciding rules.

Art and Design

In Art, we will study Roy Lichtenstein and Paul Klee. We will learn about 'comic book style' images and learn how to recreate our own cityscapes. We will also enjoy making superhero collages, masks and comic strip drawings using bright and bold colours.

Design Technology

In DT our focus will be on cooking and nutrition. We will design and make biscuits fit for a superhero! We will learn how to cut food safely, describe the texture of food and learn about the importance of hygiene and handwashing.

How you can help

Please read with your child daily and practise any sounds or words that are set. Reading books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Continuing to count forwards and backwards within 20 and practising recall of number bonds to 10 will reinforce what is taught in school. PE will be on Wednesdays this term. After term, we will begin Forest School. Mr Gibbs will let you know which day the children will need their kit. Thank you!

