

# News from the Early Years Team

Dear Parents/Carers,

March 2020

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We have a very exciting term ahead.

## Superheroes

This term the children have chosen to learn about Superheroes!

We will begin our topic by looking at superheroes we know and love. We will consider the way they look, speak, how they help others and what super powers they have. We will look at good characters and bad characters we know, why and how they differ and why they don't work together.

We will move onto creating our own superhero character with special powers and naming it. We will consider what our superhero will wear, how they look, why they are 'good' and how they help others.



We will also be making links to various books such as Supertato, Superworm and Super Daisy. We will make our own characters using real vegetables and the children are going to be extremely excited about saving the veggies from the Evil Pea! This will lead to lots of enthusiastic team work and fantastic writing I am sure.



## Chicks

During March the Foundation Stage children will be having a very special delivery from **The Happy Chick Company**. We will learn about the life cycle of a chicken by closely observing what happens to the eggs when the chick is ready to hatch. We will watch the chicks grow and change and learn about what a chick needs to be able to have a happy, healthy life. The children will make observational drawings and create painting of the chicks as part of their creative activities as well as keeping a simple diary of what happened on each day.



The company we use are ethical and **all** chicks are safely collected and rehomed. If anyone would like to rehome the chicks then please get in touch but be aware that all that chicks need to be rehomed together, including the males.

**Read Write Inc Phonics** This term we will learn all of Set 2 Speed Sounds. These are all two or three letter sounds that are 'special friends'. I will introduce two or three a week and we will practise reading and spelling words containing those sounds. There are twelve sounds in this set in total.



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or ar air ir ou oy

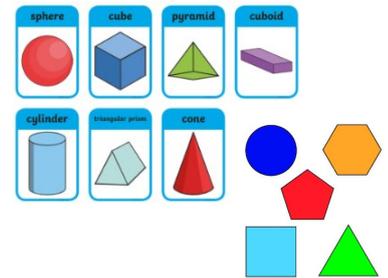
Each week will send a sheet home with the sounds we have learned for the children to share with you at home. In addition to this, we will continue to practise reading and spelling words with four, five or six sounds e.g. spun, crabs, sprint. We will also send home **red word** lists whenever your child is ready for the next one, so keep practising! Keep reading regularly at home too.

## Number, Shape, Space and Measures

During this term we will continue to read, write and recognise numbers within 20. If your child is finding this tricky, it would be of benefit if you could work on this together as even simple activities such as pointing out house numbers on the way to school can help.

Last term the children became very confident with addition by adding two groups together so this term we will focus on number bonds to ten.

We will be learning all about 3D and 2D shapes this term, as well as looking at time by measuring short periods of time and learning about o'clock.



### Role-play Area

This term the children will continue to access the home corner and have chosen to have a role-play Superhero Den! If you have anything at home (or work) that you could donate for these areas, or know of someone else who can, it would be greatly appreciated, such as comics or any superhero related items. For our home corner we are always on the hunt for real-life items such as wooden spoons, baskets, metal tea set, jugs, cushions, a clock, anything that could be used in a home that is safe for children! Thank you in advance.

### Superhero Cloaks

We would like to design and make our own superhero cloaks and ask that **your child brings in an old t-shirt** (an adult one is best) that your child can cut up and decorate.

### Wellies

We sent Wellies back home over half term in case you needed them during the holiday but if you could send them back into school again that would be great. We are looking forward to searching for signs of spring around our school grounds in the next few weeks.



### Thank you again for all of your support.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us with any queries or concerns, no matter how small you may think they are.

We are excited about celebrating World Book Day together on Thursday 5th. The children can't wait to each other in their costumes and share their favourite books!

The Early Years Team

Mrs Bytheway and Mrs Hudson