

# News from the Early Years Team

Dear Parents,

February 2024

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to another exciting term.

## Superheroes and Supertato

This term we are going to be learning about Superheroes! This will be our focus for the first half of the term.

We will begin our topic by looking at real-life superheroes such as doctors, nurses, police officers, fire fighters, vets, dentists, carers, etc. We will watch videos about what they do and read non-fiction books to give us more information. The children will learn about dentists and oral health and the importance of brushing your teeth twice a day for two minutes.



We will then move onto sharing lots of Supertato books! 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.



## Spring and Chicks!

During the second half of the term 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 hen by closely observing what happens to the eggs when the chicks are 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 paintings of the chicks as part of their creative activities as well as keeping a simple diary of what happened on each day. We will learn more about them from non-fiction books.

We will also focus on Spring and look for signs of Spring around our school grounds.



We will study the artist Henri Matisse and use his cut-out art as inspiration for creating our own compositions.



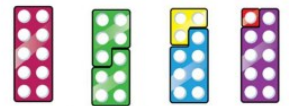
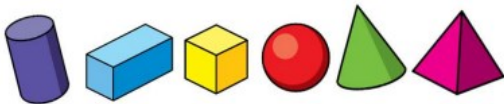
This term the children will start to learn Set 2 sounds. These are all two or three letter sounds that are 'special friends'. We will introduce two a week and we will practise reading and spelling words containing those sounds. There are twelve sounds in this set in total. Each week we will send a sheet home with the sounds we have learned for the children to share with you at home.

ay ee igh ow oo oo  
or ar air ir ou oy



### Maths

We will begin this term learning about length and height and then move onto discovering 9 and 10. The children will continue to count forwards and backwards, subitise (recognise a small amount without counting) and count accurately. We will explore the composition of each number– looking at how each number can be made up of smaller groups. We will compare each number, thinking about more and fewer.



### Role-play Area

This term the children will continue to access the home corner and also have an 'Emergency Rescue Centre'. Here they will be in charge of answering the phones and directing people with emergencies to the appropriate everyday hero such as doctors, vets and mechanics!

**If you have a job that helps others (e.g. carer, nurse, police officer, etc) we would love for you to come into school to chat to us about it!**

### Important Dates:

We are excited about celebrating **World Book day** together on **Thursday 7th March**. The children can't wait to see each other in their costumes!



**March 18th** Eggs arrive!

### 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.

Mrs Ellis, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Nickson

