

# Half Term Curriculum Overview

## Superheroes - People Who Help Us



Nursery Spring 1 - 2023

### Literacy

#### Reading:

This half term we will continue to explore stories and texts together. We will focus on children's ability to attend to stories and recall key information. We will use a range of questioning to assess children's understanding of the setting, events and characters. During independent learning time children will be encouraged to explore books independently. Children will begin to learn how to handle books carefully and the right way up.

#### Writing:

Before children are able to write they must first develop pre-writing skills. These include, developing control of mark making tools, through a tripod grip and giving meaning to marks they make. Over the next half term, children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through a range of activities to support the development of a tripod grip. They will be encouraged to mark make with a range of utensils, making a range of shapes. Some children will begin to practice writing their names. All children will be encouraged to give meaning to marks they make and describe what they have done.

### Maths

#### Number

Through adult led teaching and during independent learning time, children will be learning to count in order to 5. Once secured, children will learn to count in order to 10. Through play, children will begin to recognise that things can be counted. Children will be encouraged to use their fingers to represent different numbers to 5. We will begin to recognise numerals in the environment and some children will be challenged to order these up to 5.

#### Shape, space and measure

During play, we will continue to identify different colours, shapes (circles, squares and triangles), and patterns within our environment. We will compare different sized objects and talk about which are smallest/biggest. Children will develop their ability to use positional language by describing where things are.

### Focus Books

**Supertato** – by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet

**Busy People Range** – by Lucy George

**A Superhero Like You** – by Dr Ranj Singh

### Growth Mindset

Sophie the Self Control Star

### Homework

For this half term your child's homework is:

- To share books at home, encourage your child to handle books, turn pages themselves, and talk about what they can see in the pictures.
- To use a range of mark making tools and describe what they have drawn.
- To practice counting to 5 (or 10!) by finding different things to count e.g., toys.

# Understanding the World

## **People and communities**

We will continue to celebrate how unique we are and develop our ability to talk about what makes us unique. Through our topic, children will explore a range of different occupations of 'People Who Help Us'. We will have the opportunity to meet some 'People Who Help Us' and explore related items.

## **The World**

We will continue to develop our knowledge of how things grow and change by observing the world around us. Children will be taught to show care and concern for living things and the environment.

## **Technology**

In technology we will be playing and exploring with materials to observe cause and effect.

# Physical Development

## **Moving and Handling**

We will continue developing our confidence to move safely in a range of ways. Children will have access to the outdoor provision each day, providing opportunity to run, skip, dance, jump and climb. We will be learning to throw and catch large balls as well as explore a range of other gross motor activities. Children will continue to have access to bikes and will be working on their ability to pedal. Children will have daily access to fine motor activities such as playdough, tweezers, and the use of other small tools. This will support children to develop the hand strength they need for writing.

## **Health and Self Care**

Our focus this term is to put our coats on, unzip them and take off our shoes on our own. We will also be focusing on attending to toileting needs independently. We will begin to learn how to recognise some dangers and seek help from the adults that we know when needed.

# Expressive Arts and Design

## **Using media and material**

Through independent learning, children will have the opportunity to use a range of tools and construction materials. We will continue to enjoy singing and dancing together and learning new songs. Children have constant access to musical instruments to create their own rhythms.

## **Being Imaginative**

We will be using small world and role play areas like our stage and home corner to help us continue to develop our imagination. Children will have access to puppets and resources related to 'People Who Help Us' so that they can role play based on what they have learnt.

## **Class Blog –**

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