










# Super Heroes

## Prime Areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum

<p><b><u>Communication and Language</u></b></p>  <p>Through daily circle times we will continue to learn to listen carefully to others and to begin to respond appropriately.</p> <p><b>Show and Tell</b> - The theme for this will be 'My Super Hero Magic Power' please see attached sheet with more details.</p> <p>We will have great fun whilst watching and listening carefully to the Pantomime.</p> <p>All the children will perform in our 2017 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree' at church.</p> <p><i>At home: Lots of lovely stories offering a rich vocabulary whilst developing listening and questioning skills. Encourage your child to say "good morning" to Mrs Bennett when you pass her first thing.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Physical Development</u></b></p>  <p>In PE we will be learning to use small apparatus.</p> <p>We will continue to develop our fine manipulative skills by cutting, drawing, painting, doing jigsaws, using play-dough, threading beads, sewing and lots of other fun activities!</p> <p><i>At home: The app 'Pinterest' is great if you search 'funky fingers' you will find lots of fun and simple activities to develop fine motor skills. Developing pencil grip &amp; completing weekly letter sheets.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></b></p>  <p>Through circle time we will continue to work on classroom rules and routines.</p> <p>Through our play and learning we will continue to develop positive attitudes and we will learn that it is very important to always try our best and that when things are hard it means we are learning something new!</p> <p>We will continue to develop relationships with our Oak Buddies.</p> <p><i>At home: Can you play turn taking games, counting board games would be great, we do have some in school if anyone would like to borrow any.</i></p>
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## Specific Areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum

<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b></p>  <p>We will be using 'Jolly Phonics' to learn the sounds of letters. We will be doing lots of 'Robot Speak' to help us hear all of the sounds in words.</p> <p>We will begin to use our knowledge of sounds to blend and segment words for reading and writing. We will be sharing a wide range of texts, including poetry.</p>  <p>When ready the children will be introduced to reading books they will use these to retell stories and recognise that print carries meaning.</p>  <p><i>At home: Write a letter to your favourite Super Hero and put it in our class post box; they may just write back! (See below for more info)</i></p>	<p><b><u>Mathematics</u></b></p> <p>We will be mathematical Super Heroes using our special powers to develop our counting &amp; number skills. We will begin to count on and count back for addition &amp; subtraction.</p>  <p>We will look at and recreate patterns.</p> <p>We will be describing and naming solid and flat shapes, and comparing two quantities by using language such as longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, more and less</p> <p><i>At home: Talk about things that are longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, more and less – remember you can post on Tapestry to share any home learning.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Understanding the World</u></b></p>  <p>Using the class computers we will learn to use a mouse to log on and keyboard to draw simple pictures. We will be learning how to operate simple equipment, including programmable toys.</p> <p>We will be learning all about real life Super Heroes and on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November fire fighters &amp; a real fire engine will be visiting from Bristol Airport.</p> <p>We will also learn about why Christians celebrate Christmas and take part in a Christmas Production.</p> <p><i>At home: Can you create a Tapestry post related to using technology at home? It might be an i-pad game, using the remote control or a programmable toy..... the list is endless.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Expressive Art &amp; Design</u></b></p> <p>We will continue to develop creativity through collage, painting and modelling.</p> <p>We will be making Diwali flower garlands, firework paintings and lots of Christmas crafts.</p>  <p>Music – Mrs Larthe will be doing music with us on a Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>Our hospital role play area will provide opportunities for us to explore medical Super Heroes who help us if we are poorly.</p>
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Dear Chestnut Parents

The children had a fantastic first term in school! Thank you to all of you for attending parents

**Start of the day:**

**The children have settled so well in the mornings. To encourage independence we would like them to come in and put their own things away. Please can we ask that you say your goodbyes by the little gate to avoid blocking the door way – Thank you ☺**

evening before half term it was great to meet with you all.

We have begun the term by learning all about Diwali the Hindu Festival of Light and Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Night.

We are all very excited about our 'Super hero' topic we will be having lots of Super Hero fun as well as learning about real life Super Heroes such as fire fighters, police officers & medical people.

If you & your child have any ideas for activities linked to our Super Hero topic or if you know any real life Super Heroes who would be willing to come in and talk to us please let me know.

Finally we will have a festive few weeks preparing for Christmas!

From Mrs Williams

**Bessie Bear:** We have class bear called Bessie, the children will each have a turn to take her home. Bessie has a diary, you can write in this to tell us all about her visit to your house.

**Show and Tell**

This term we are going to give each child the opportunity to take part in a 'show and tell'. We have given each child a date on which their show and tell will take place. Linked to our Super Hero topic they can have great fun thinking about what sort of Super Hero they would be and what magical power they would have. They might make a poster, a book, a costume, a short video anything fun and exciting to tell us all about their Super Hero and their magical powers. Be creative and please help them to practise what they will say as this will help their confidence.

**Outdoor Clothing**

Some children have already brought gloves and hats into school. Attaching gloves with a piece of elastic through their coat sleeves is a great way of making sure they don't lose them. Please name everything!

**Real Life Super Heroes**

Are you a real life Super Hero or do you know someone who is? We would love to have visitors in to talk to the children, please speak to me if you can help with this.

**Phonics & Keywords**

Next week all of the children will be given key word books, these are for you to practise with them at home we are also learning these in class. We will send home a phonics sheet on a Friday with the letters and actions we have learn that week, it would be great if these could be completed over the weekend and returned to school on a Monday or Tuesday for us to see. Remember if your child finds it tricky think of other fun ways to practise like we talked about in the phonics evening. It's really important that the children form the letters correctly, this stops them from getting into bad habits, Reading, as the children begin to read we will read with them once a week in school. Please remember that children all learn at different speeds so their progress will vary. Please try not to compare your child's progress with other parents - we are here if you have any questions or concerns.

**Tapestry**

Thank you to those parents who are making regular contributions to Tapestry, we have loved sharing your posts with your child & the class. Please look at Tapestry regularly and add posts when your child does something WOW; it may be a first gym session, swimming, learning to ride their bike, getting ready for school on their own.....