

Class 1 Newsletter  
Autumn Term 2020

Hello and welcome back! I hope that you have all made the most of the Summer despite the current situation and have had a restful break. It is lovely to have so many familiar faces back in school and wonderful to welcome lots of new children to Holy Trinity. I am really pleased with how they are all settling in and they are very quickly getting to grips with the routines.

Our topic this term is "Superhero Me!". The children and I are super excited to find out more about superheroes - both the fictional one and all our real-life superheroes too!

Mrs Salmon will be teaching in Class 1 on a Monday and Miss Gregory will be in the rest of the week. Mrs Salmon will teach Phonics, Maths and English on a Monday morning and will be teaching RE in the afternoon. The rest of the week will be slightly different as we will be alternating a full morning of Maths and a full morning of English, with the afternoons being PE on Tuesday and Friday and Creative Curriculum on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Here is an overview of some of the things that we will be doing in Class 1 this term.

Miss Gregory

English

We will be looking at superhero related stories such as 'Ten Little Superheroes', 'Supertato' and 'Superhero ABC.' We will also be looking at some non-fiction texts surrounding the emergency services and people that help us. We will do lots of name recognition and writing too using a range of different medias to improve the children's formation of letters and encourage them to want to write.



Maths

The year we are being to use the White Rose Math scheme which follows a mastery math's approach.

In reception will be doing lots of counting and number recognition through songs and games. We will be focussing on particular numbers each week and thinking about numbers of personal significance. The children will be able to access wide a range of maths resources within their continuous provision to help with their understanding of numbers. We will also be using Numberblocks within our maths lesson - which always proves to be a big hit!



Phonics

For phonics, children will learn phonemes through the Read, Write, Inc. program. Reception will learn single phonemes to begin with and look at the letter formation. We will play fun games and do lots of fun activities in order to learn the new sounds which they will then hopefully start applying when they recognise them in their reading books. Once a phoneme has been taught, the children will bring home a sheet to practise which can be returned to school if you wish.



Computing/ICT

We will use the computers and I-Pads to support our learning. Programs such as Purple Mash will be used for children to get used to using the mouse to draw, click and take photographs of themselves, as well as learning to use the keyboard. We will be learning how to use ICT equipment safely.



Understanding of the World

The focus this term will be about ourselves and our families, as well as looking at people who help us. We will be learning about how our bodies work and will be labelling the different parts of our bodies and faces. We are going to spend some time looking at families from different cultures and the past. We will also be playing around with our senses in some fun activities!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will go through our school rainbow rules and make a display to show Holy Trinity's vision, values and virtues. We will think about how to make friends and be good friends and how we feel about certain things that happen at school. We will discuss our thoughts and feelings, and how to stay safe at school and home.



### Expressive Arts and Design



In Art we will be learning how to use different equipment safely. We are going to learn different ways of joining materials to construct a self-portrait. We will also be creating our own vegetable superhero and make traps to catch the Evil Pea! We will explore the sounds that different instruments make to make superhero sound effects.

### PE (Physical Development)

This term we will focus on games, starting with multiskills activities and games with Scott on Tuesdays. PE on a Friday will be with Nick and it will be focusing on ball skills such as throwing and catching in various ways.



### RE

We will be thinking about the question - How can we care for our wonderful world? We will be thinking about creation and how Christians believe that God made our world and how we should look after it. We will also be learning about Harvest.



### Reading books



Children have been given reading books now and a reading diary, along with this terms reading challenge. Don't forget to colour a box and initial it every time your child reads at home. They will get a Dojo for each time they read at home.

Children will be heard by an adult at least once a week and will be partaking in Guided Reading sessions once a week. We tend to change their books on a weekly basis to begin with as there are lots of things that you can look at with the books over a week. These can include looking at the pictures and talking about the events, trying to pick out simple words, filling in missing words from sentences, looking at the characters and how they feel or what they might be saying, looking at the book covers - author, illustrator, blurb etc. You are very welcome to change their book if you feel that you have exhausted all avenues and we have not changed it.

**The children will have a Read Write Inc Bookbag Book that will be changed by the teacher/TA weekly, they will also have a banded reading book and a library book to enjoy at home too.**

### Key Words

Children will start learning key and tricky words through their play and will be bringing home a key word book after Christmas. This first half term, we like to focus on reading their books at home and feel that they are more ready after a full term at school to focus more on writing words. Key words will be sent home in the form of Lego bricks. They will all start on Lego brick 1. When they are 'tested' and can spell all the words on Lego brick 1 they will be given Lego brick 2. We encourage the children to also be able to spell the words in a context and not just for a test. All children will progress at different rates so please don't worry if your child seems to be on the same brick for a long amount of time. I will eventually move them on even if they can't spell all the words as they need to be exposed to the words, they need to learn this year.

I will be sending Key Word Homework sheets weekly for your child to complete but these words will not be tested.



## Show and Tell



Along with this newsletter I have sent you the show and tell timetable for the half term. I will also put a copy in the classroom window.

Children may bring in **1 item/toy** from home to show to the rest of the class and talk about them. Items linked to our learning would be great but if it is something that is not, that is also fine! We want to build the children's confidence at speaking in front of the group and to develop their speaking and listening skills.

We will be having a Superhero Wow Day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October where we will be asking the children to come dressed as superheroes and the day will involve lots of fun activities linked to our topic. More details to follow nearer the time.

Any items that could be used for our junk modelling would a big help (cardboard boxes, tubes, tubs etc), please remember to give them a wash before bringing them to school.

Thank you for all your support and welcoming me to the school. ***If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to speak to me.***

Miss Gregory & team