





# Shilton Infant School



## Foundation Stage Sharing our Learning Newsletter Autumn 2019 2nd half term



*This half term our topics are Superheroes and Christmas*

### Topic work

Our Superhero topic will include lots of exciting work in literacy, maths, art, technology, science, music, RE, geography and ICT.

### Special Dates:

Wednesday 6th November - 'Science Day' - the children will have the opportunity to explore colour and light in a dark classroom, colour in the nursery and magnets and magnetism in class 2.

Wednesday 13th November - Road Safety Day

Wednesday 20th November - Superheroes Day - All children are invited to attend school/nursery dressed as a superhero.

Wednesday 4th December - Sharing our learning sessions (more details later)

Monday 16th December - Reception trip to Conkers to meet Santa.

### Literacy in the nursery:

The children will enjoy a wide range of stories, songs and rhymes linked to the topic. The story sessions will often include the use of a wide range of puppets and story sacks to help stimulate interest and enthusiasm. All children will choose their own library book each week to take home and enjoy with parents. They will also take home the Nursery Rhyme of the week to add to their Nursery Rhyme booklet. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the home corner. The children will be taught to 'Nip, Flip & Grip' a pencil to develop their pencil grip.

A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through our Funky Finger activities. We will continue with Ted the Take Home Teddy and our story sack Ted Takes a Tumble. The children will also experience some of the listening games from the Phase One Letters and Sounds scheme.

### Literacy in Classes 2 & 3:

We will be playing lots of games to encourage speaking and listening skills. All children will continue to learn the phonemes following the Letters and Sounds scheme and this work will be consolidated by a variety of games and fun activities. We will be blending and segmenting the sounds to read and spell words. Reading books and words will continue to be sent home. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the home corners. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. We will be talking about and practising correct letter formation in books, salt, sand and dough and continuing with our Funky Finger activities. All children will be encouraged to write their own name with correct letter formation. We will be encouraging the children to begin to represent sounds correctly in their writing. All children will take part in shared reading sessions.

### Numeracy in the nursery:

The children will sing a wide range of number songs and rhymes and again these will often be supported by the use of visual aids such as puppets and pictures.

They will practise counting through lots of fun games and activities and begin to use the computers.

### Numeracy in Classes 2 & 3:

The children will be learning about:

Numbers to 20 Recognising and talking about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Recognising and creating simple repeating patterns.

Finding one more and one less than a number to 10 and then 20. Using positional language. Measures

*Details of all Christmas arrangements will be sent separately*

### You can help your child by:-

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything.
- Sharing books together
- In reception classes - listening to your child read their reading book every night and practise their words.
- Counting objects around the home.
- Looking at and naming shapes and colours around the home and when you are out and about.
- Practising putting on own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make your child more independent.
- Encouraging your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet and washing hands.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes including gloves, hats and scarves are clearly named.

*Have fun!*

*Aim high!*

*Achieve well!*

# *Dates and events in school this half term*

## **Don't forget - Religious Trail dates**

Money and consent forms back by Tuesday 6th November please.

Temples trip - Monday 19th November, St Edmunds Church Thursday 22nd November.

*All children should wear trousers and have a head scarf for the temples.*