



# Ladygrove Park Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. We are so pleased with how settled the children have been, so far this term, after a long break. Here are a couple of notices for the coming term. Our topic for this term is 'Superheroes'.

## Daily Routine

Your child's teacher will continue to come and greet you outside just before 8:40. To support the children to settle in and to increase their independence, we expect the children to line up outside and to come into school by themselves carrying all their things. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please leave a comment in the communication book outside the classroom. Thank you for your support with the morning routine, which is working well.

## Reading Books

We are continuing to send home phonetically decodable books on Wednesdays. Reading records are collected on a Wednesday to allow the teachers to look at your amazing home learning and reading. The book your child chooses may be a title they have read before. We want to mention that a book is appropriate, if it builds on a child's fluency and comprehension skills. To allow your child to delve deeper into books by discussing the features, characters and content, your child should be able to read a book without overly sounding out, to ensure reading does not become very strenuous. We are aware that relying on sounding out decreases children's enjoyment and engagement in books and makes it difficult to remember and comprehend what they have read. Please encourage your children to read the words in their heads (gradually become quicker or more fluent each time).

**Before your child can take a new book home, they must return the book they have been reading.** We encourage the children to access the reading books (outside Class 5), in addition to their phonic decodable books. Please continue taking books home from the classrooms' book corners and school library. There are various e-books and e-journals on the Didcot Library Website that you can access (if you have a library card) at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/>. Click on libraries then e-books and e-audio. You can also access the Oxford Owl website: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home> and click on the tab 'eBooks' where there are plenty of e-books too!

This year we are making termly suggestions for a reading that would be good to share with your child.

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This term's recommendations are:

*Supertato by Sue Hendra*

*Barry the Fish with Fingers by Sue Hendra*

*Comics and graphic novels (e.g. Tintin, Diary of a Wimpy Kid)*

### Curriculum

We will be continuing with our more structured mornings, ensuring that there is a clear daily focus on phonics, reading, writing and maths. The children will still have 'Exploring Time' in the afternoons, when they can apply their new knowledge learnt from the morning sessions. In the afternoons, there will be a short session to explore other areas of the curriculum such as art, science, computing, RE and PSHE. Please be assured that we will monitor this provision closely and will continue to be flexible to the needs of the children.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Coverage</i>
<i>Maths</i>	2D & 3D shapes; Addition and Subtraction within 20
<i>Literacy</i>	Superheroes - Supertato
<i>Science</i>	Materials and their Properties
<i>RE</i>	Religious Symbols
<i>PSHE</i>	Important People to Us
<i>Art and Design/ DT</i>	Observational Drawing and Self-Portraits

#### Reading Record

Please ensure this book is in your child's book bag every day. They will be collected on Wednesdays but it is important that we keep you up to date on the guided reading we do with your child.

#### **Cake Crumbly**

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February



#### **Homework**

Will be given out to the children on Fridays and returned to school on Wednesdays.

If homework is handed in late it will not be looked at until the following week.



#### **PE**

Our PE day this term will be on a Friday morning. All PE kit must be named. Earrings must be covered and hair must be tied back. Please keep PE kits in school everyday in case of timetable changes or wet weather.



#### **Superhero Dress up Day Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

We are asking if you can be original in your ideas for this event e.g. Water Girl/ Fire Man rather than Spider Man etc.

Parent meetings are on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you for your continued support

Year 1 Team

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