

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our SEAL theme this half term is 'Getting on and Falling out' We will have regular circle times where we discuss and develop an understanding of friendship, empathy, managing our emotions (particularly anger) and developing our skills in team work and negotiating to solve problems.

This half term there will also be a 'say no to bullying' week where we will learn what bullying is, its effects and how we can help to prevent bullying in our school.

The children will have opportunities to engage in Superhero play; allowing them to explore different roles, emotions and relationships. However, we will be creating our own class rules for superheroes to ensure that we all remain happy, safe and follow the School's Golden Rules.

Communication & Language

We will start the half term by looking at the book Knuffle Bunny, about a toddler who loses her favourite toy and how her Mum helps her to recover it. We will then read a variety of other stories and non-fiction books which relate to people who help us and Superheroes; such as Supertato, Super Daisy, Traction Man, and Superhero ABC.

There will be lots of role-play and small world opportunities for the children to explore and engage with. These will help to develop the children's spoken language as they take on a character or develop a narrative sequence in their play.

Physical Development

This half term the reception children (Foxes) will be participating in Dance lessons to develop their balance, coordination and control over their movement. We will be practicing our superhero moves and putting a series of movements together to form a sequence.

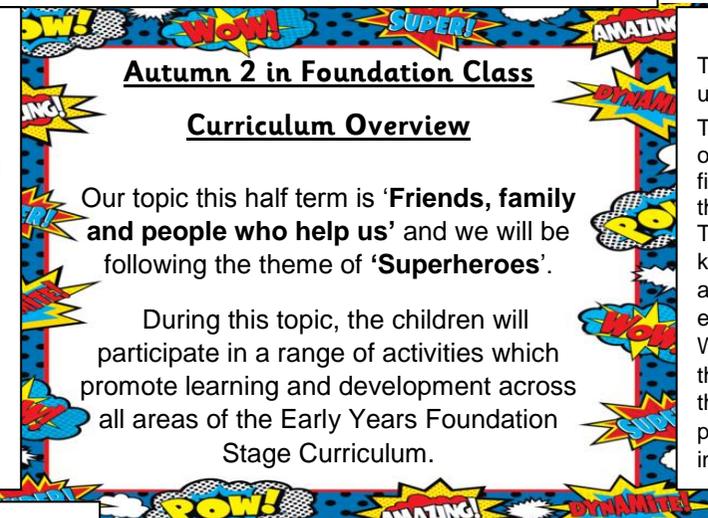
The Nursery children (Badgers) will have the opportunity to explore the apparatus in the hall, to develop their climbing and balancing skills and practice moving safely around obstacles.

The children will also continue with their daily handwriting activities and be encouraged to complete challenges to further develop their fine motor skills which will help with using pencils, scissors and other one-handed tools.

Literacy

This half term we will be using our Superhero topic to encourage and inspire children to mark make and write regularly. For example, we will be naming and labelling our own superheroes and their costumes. We will look at illustrations in comics and their use of text. Inspired by these, we will be writing captions and speech bubbles for stories we have been reading or to add to photographs of our own imaginative play.

We will be continuing our daily Phonics sessions. The Badgers (Nursery children) will be following Phase 1 of Letters & Sounds which will involve activities to help the children tune in to, recognise and talk about different sounds. The Foxes (Reception children) will continue with Phase 2 and begin phase 3 of Letters & Sounds in which they are introduced to the phonemes and graphemes used in the English language to support their reading and writing.



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Curriculum Overview

Our topic this half term is 'Friends, family and people who help us' and we will be following the theme of 'Superheroes'.

During this topic, the children will participate in a range of activities which promote learning and development across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Mathematics

This half term the children will continue to develop their understanding of number.

They will compare two sets of objects and find the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them. We will also be finding one more and one less than a number and begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. This will be done in a variety of contexts for example using our knowledge of 1 more and 1 less to crack secret safe codes, and adding the total number of vegetables we have rescued from the evil pea.

We will also be learning about money. The children will look at the different coins we use in Britain and begin to recognise that they are worth different amounts. We will set up shops to role play transactions using money, and begin to count up the totals in our purses.

Understanding the World

Throughout the year the children will be learning to use technology for different purposes. This half term the children will be learning how to take photographs of each other so that they can turn themselves into super heroes. We will explore different materials to investigate which would make a good superhero cape and design our cape using our findings.

As superheroes are people who help others we will learn about people who do this every day; such as Fire officers, Police officers and Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics.

As Christmas arrives we will talk about our own family customs and routines and explore how and why different families around the world celebrate Christmas. We will also be learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali and how this is celebrated by some families across the globe.

Here are some ways in which you can support your child's learning at home:

- Demonstrate writing in everyday activities such as shopping lists and notes
- Count as much as possible and encourage children to notice patterns and shapes in the environment
- Share stories and books with your child as much as you can.
- Foxes (Reception) parents read your child's reading book regularly.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be encouraged to explore the range of different resources and media available in the Painting and Workshop Areas. Together we will be looking at developing specific skills, for example different joining techniques including different types of tapes, glues and split pins. The children will create designs for superhero vehicles and build them from junk modelling.

We will also be looking at the artist Roy Lichtenstein and creating our own images inspired by his art work.

The children will continue to have weekly singing sessions on Thursdays, to supplement our music lessons in class.