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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Class Update**

Next half term, we will be starting a new topic: *Superheroes*. The children are really excited about this and we will be planning this topic together over the next few days.

### **Stay and Play**

To start our topic we would like to invite you to a Stay and Play on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00-10.00 in the hall. We will be making our own superhero costumes, superhero poses and catchphrases. We will have a variety of junk modelling resources available for the children to make their costumes, but if you would like to bring any special extras to add on then you are welcome to do so. You will also have another opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journal in case you weren't able to come this week.

Please check your child's bag for a Superhero Design sheet to complete with your child over half term in preparation.

Please inform the office that you are able to attend the Stay and Play via the School Gateway. All children will take part regardless of whether their parents/carers are able to attend.

### **Pegs and PE kits**

We are going to be changing what we store on our pegs to make it easier for the children to access their things and keep our cloakroom tidy. On pegs, we are going to keep our PE kit, book bag and coat. In our boxes we are going to keep our shoes, hats, gloves and scarves and a bag with a change of clothes. Wellies can be stored on our rack to avoid making things muddy. If you come in to support your child in the morning, please could you help us stick to this?

Each child should by now have a PE kit with a white t-shirt, black shorts and a pair of trainers (these can also be their outdoor shoes). Please ensure that everything is labelled.

### **Toys from home**

Please could you make sure that your child does not bring any toys from home into school as we have seen an increase in the number of toys going missing and/or getting broken. This includes any keyrings attached to bags.



## **Dropping off in the morning**

A good number of the children in the class are now successfully being dropped off at the gate. In preparation for Year 1 and to encourage further independence, we are aiming for all children to be consistently dropped off at the gate by the end of the Spring Term. You are still welcome to come and see the Parents' Notice board and Incredible Learning Wall.

## **Phonics**

We have been working very hard with learning our Phonics since September. Please have a look in your child's bag for a sound mat featuring all the sounds we have covered so far. You can help your child learn them by encouraging them to say the sound; writing words together using the sounds or looking for them in your child's reading book. Many of the children also enjoy playing the free games at <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

## **Living Eggs**

At the start of the half term, we will be looking after some hatching chicks in our classroom. We will be learning about what it takes to make animals healthy and linking this to our topic by thinking about what we need to do to grow into super strong and healthy adults ourselves.

We are extremely proud of the progress that the children have made this half term and we hope they have enjoyed their time as much as we have!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Westwood and the Reception Team

