



# Early Years Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term January 2025



Dear parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely break! It will be a fun term and we may even see some snow! Remember we go outside every day in all weathers so please do bring in lots of named winter woollies!

## Curriculum Overview

Our first topic is **Superheroes**. We will be learning about people who help us like the police, doctors, dentists and teachers! We will also think about what makes us super - and feel good about it 😊 Our first book is "Supertato" which we will use for healthy eating discussions as well as superheroes.

The children will learn about **Chinese New Year** and will get to experience different events that occur during this celebration.



## School Timings

Just a reminder that the main gates will open at **8:35am** and classroom doors will open at **8:40am**. The school day ends at **3:15pm**. Registers close at **8:50am** and children marked in after this time will be marked as late. Please make sure your child is able to carry everything they bring to school on their own as they will need to take it home the same way.



It is really helpful for all children to have a school book bag as these fit into their drawers and are the right shape and size for the books and papers that they bring home.



We visit the library on Tuesdays. Please return your book each week to choose a new one.

Please check in your child's reading record for notes on what RWI group your child is in and how to support them with reading at home. Please write in their yellow reading record when you read with them; we love to hear about your reading at home!

This term, our Superhero themed **Stay and Play** is on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Please do join us in school for some exciting activities together. We will happily welcome younger siblings. This will be an amazing opportunity to come to school dressed up as a Hero! You could be a Super Hero or a personal hero - a nurse, a soldier or your own mum!





## PE

The PE kit is a white T-Shirt, black jogging bottoms, trainers and the school jumper/cardigan. This term the children will be doing **dance** in the school hall. Children will be taking off their shoes and socks to do P.E.

Do bear in mind that your child is wearing their PE trainers all day in the winter weather so Velcro trainers are much better than plimsolls.

Please ensure your child is confident with taking off their own shoes and socks. For health and safety purposes, please make sure children do not wear jewellery to school on these days and have long hair tied back. Please come to school in your P.E kit every **Friday**.



## Ways to help at home

Do help your child to write their name correctly - and with a capital letter **only for the first letter**.

With maths, we are working on numbers to 10 now. You can ask your child to count up and back down again (go as high with counting as feels right for your child). We do all our maths practically first then we draw pictures to show our understanding before we move on to formal methods. Can they tell you what is one more or less than any number to 10? Do they know how many more they need to make 5 if you already have 3? If they have 7 chips on their plate and they eat 2 can they say how many will be left? Are there enough sweets to share with their sibling? Show us what they can do on Tapestry - and keep it relevant and fun (they will be doing all the formal recording from Year 1 and up!).



Please use Tapestry actively to record your proud moments, achievements and special occasions. This helps build up a picture of the whole child and when we send them home at the end of the year it will make the record of the year so much more personal and special for you.



## Walk and Talk Board

At the end of each day, look out for the white board near our door with hints, tips and questions you could ask to get them talking about their day at school.

We hope that this curriculum letter informs you of what is going on so that you can support your children in their learning at home. As busy as school life is, there is always someone to help.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Houghton and Mrs C Tamang

**Spring Term Diary Dates**

Super Hero dress up Day and stay and play - Wednesday 12th February

Spring Crafts Day - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Trip to Gordon Brown Centre - Tuesday 1st April