



"All Learning Together"

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Derwent Class Curriculum Letter Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy 2019! The children all seem to have had a wonderful time during the festive season and are now settling back into the routines of the school day.

Our topic this term is Super Heroes and through this topic all the areas of the curriculum will be taught. In science, the children will be learning about materials and their properties and using this knowledge to design a strong and waterproof cloak for a super hero. The children will learn to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. They will also continue with our seasonal walks to notice changes in temperature, length of daylight and to identify flora and fauna.

In PSHE, they will be learning that superheroes need super bodies and so they will learn about the importance of personal hygiene, making healthy eating choices and regular exercise.

In RE this term, we will be thinking about which people are important to us and how in their own way they too are super heroes! The children will learn that people are considered to be special for a variety of reasons. We will then study in more detail people who are special for religious reasons namely Muhammad who is special to Muslims, Jesus who is special to Christians and Moses who was important to the Jews.

For our work in understanding the world and the people in our communities, we will think about the super heroes who help us all; the police, fire officers and medical staff. Through visits, acting out situations in the role play areas and research we will find out more about these occupations and the important work that they all do. Thinking about Super heroes from the past the children will learn about the contribution Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong made to society throughout their lives and why their achievements are still remembered today.

In their creative work they will draw and paint their favourite super heroes and learn about the life and works of Picasso and Andy Warhol. They will create pictures and collages of superheroes by emulating their style. They will also design and make a super hero mask and cuffs.

In Music lessons this term, the children will listen to the theme tunes of their favourite super heroes and then using tuned and un-tuned percussion they will try to compose their very own theme tune for a super hero. After all this work the children will be ready to have a class super hero party to which they will wear their cloaks, masks and cuffs and eat and drink super hero foods!

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Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

In addition to the English and Maths work that they will cover through topic, the children will have regular practise of the basic skills. They will have daily guided reading activities, phonics and grammar work. The children will listen to stories and then will learn the stories with actions to support them with their writing. The stories the children will be learning are Super Worm, Avocado Baby and Super Rat. The children will write an information text about super foods and learn about alphabetical order and how to use simple dictionaries. They will recite and learn by heart a range of poems and nursery rhymes.

Maths this term will start with addition and subtraction in which the children will use a range of methods to support their fluency and then solve problems using objects and diagrams. They will develop their skill in place value by practising counting forwards and backwards, writing and reading numbers in numerals and words. They will be learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and then use this skill to help solve multiplication and division problems. The children will have opportunities to measure and weigh and record lengths and heights and to investigate capacity using a range of containers.

In computing the children will use the internet to find information about their super heroes and super foods. They will learn how to make a table to display data about their super hero and will develop their skills in word processing. The children will learn to recognise the use of IT outside of school and how to stay safe on the internet in readiness for Internet Safety day in February.

P.E. – The children will be working outside, whenever possible taking part in simple games and developing their skills in running, jumping, throwing, catching and improving their physical aptitude. They will also take part in gymnastics and dance in the school hall. **P.E. will be on a Monday and Friday; your child will need suitable clothing and shoes for indoor and outdoor activities.**

If at any time you are anxious or have any questions please come into class to see me and I will be happy to help.

With Regards

Mrs Rosemary Laverack