

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. Our first topic of this half term is...

Super Heroes

This is a wonderful topic celebrating a lot of different real life super heroes including ourselves, our families and communities and people that help us!

Milestone

Each topic includes a "Milestone Moment" that the children will experience. This topic the Milestone Moment links with the school value **Aspiration** and we will be having visits from inspirational people including fire fighters, a nurse and a dentist! 😊

These Prime Areas (below) are fundamental to all we do. They will continue to be a priority each day through structured and incidental interactions. **Please can you help us at home by helping your child learn how to put on their own shoes, socks and coats? (laces are not recommended for this age!)**

Communication and Language

1. Listening, attention and Understanding, 2. Speaking

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

3. Self-regulation, 4. Managing self, 5. Building relationships

Physical Development

6. Gross Motor skills, 7. Fine motor skills

Literacy

8. Comprehension
9. Word reading
10. Writing

Some of our key texts this topic are: Mira's Curly Hair, The Family Book, Going to the Dentist and a selection of books from The Busy People series. We will have lots of opportunities for practising our emerging writing skills by writing labels, captions and thank you cards.

Mathematics

11. Number
12. Numerical patterns

The Nursery children will be playfully exploring the language of size, comparing amounts and exploring counting principles. The Reception children will be exploring the composition of numbers and investigating shapes that have four sides.

Understanding the World

13. Past and Present
14. People, Culture and Communities
15. The Natural World

We will be finding out about each other as valuable individuals - looks, interests, skills, hobbies. We will be finding out about our families and communities and showing an interest in different occupations. We will be exploring different factors that support our overall health and wellbeing, including looking after our teeth!

Expressive arts and design

16. Creating with materials
17. Being imaginative and expressive

Amongst other things, we will be using paints and pencils to create self portraits, collage materials to decorate our own photo frames and junk modelling materials to create our own emergency vehicles. We will also have lots of opportunities for role playing!

Key Vocabulary

unique, special, characteristics, different, skill, talent, a variety of describing words, pet, family, vet, teacher, librarian, dentist, teeth, decay, toothbrush, emergency, firefighter, police officer, doctor, paramedic, ambulance, help, thank you

Memos

- Please can you send in a named photo of your family and your child as a baby. We will be using these throughout the topic! Thank you!
- **NO FOREST SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER (firefighter visit!)**
- Named water bottles and book bags to come into school every day please!
- Monday afternoon is PE so children can come to school in their PE Kits for the day.
- Tuesday morning is Forest School so children can come in their school uniform with their waterproofs over the top. An extra base layer/jumper and hats and gloves will be needed as the weather gets cooler.