



# This half term in Ocean Class



Dear grownups,

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely settling in these past few weeks!

Below is some information of what we will be looking at this half term.

## Our Big Question: How can we be superheroes?

Throughout this half term all of our work is going to focus around 'our big question'.

This half term question is 'How can we be superheroes?'. This topic will allow the class to explore and celebrate their strengths and differences.

In science we will be looking at our bodies and the incredible things our bodies can do, with a significant link to our senses and keeping our bodies healthy.

Linking in with this we will also explore the patterns we see in our own bodies in art, and how these patterns are repeated throughout the natural world. This will allow the children to recognise that we are all part of Nature and the natural world.

In History we will be looking at two significant figures who have incredible and heroic stories- Grace Darling and Amy Johnson.

## English

In English we are using Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing and focusing on Superhero stories using the book Traction Man by Mini Grey. This is a great story about a heroic action figure who saves the day with his fabulous outfits and gadgets. With a focus on structure and character profiles throughout the half term the children will be writing their own superhero stories.

Superhero stories are also a focus in our Reading Skills sessions in which we use VIPERS to develop the class's reading skills to support comprehension and understanding of texts.

## Maths

In Maths this half term we are looking at number, particularly consolidating our numbers to ten. For year 1 this is with a focus on numbers just to ten, number bonds to ten, greater and fewer and ordering. For year 2 we will be using our number facts to ten to support place value and counting to 100. For both year groups having a very strong foundation in this area will allow the children to build their strategies that will support them throughout the year in various mathematical units.

## Phonics

In keeping with our phonics scheme 'Little Wandle', both year 1 and 2 are having daily phonics lessons. Year 1 will be both revisiting sounds they learnt last year, and will then be learning their phase 5 sounds in preparation for their phonics screening check later next year. Year 2 will be revisiting and consolidating their phase 5 sounds for this half term before moving on to Year 2 spellings. I will be sending home the home learning sheets to keep you in the loop of our focus sounds and words for each week. These could also be practised at home to support their phonics as well!

## Reading

Each child's reading book will be selected by myself to ensure they are reading at their appropriate phonics level, reading at least three times a week will really support their phonics and early reading skills!

I will also set reading targets every two weeks with a focus on decoding, prosody and comprehension supported by our VIPERS.

Classroom bits and bobs:

Just as a reminder, PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday with Mr Gibbs. Due to our PE finishing at 3:05-3:10 the class will be coming home in their PE kits with their uniform in their PE bags.

Forest school is on a Tuesday morning, as the weather is starting to get colder please ensure your child has a waterproof coat, it can get quite chilly!

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled clearly, with either a permanent marker or iron/sew in labels. Although we frequently remind the children to put their jumpers in their trays if they are not wearing them, they sometimes do not always make it and we end up playing the jumper lottery at the end of the day!

The children have access to their water bottles throughout the day so a clearly labelled water bottle would also be fantastic!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely,

Miss Crankshaw and Mr Giddings.