



Our Learning Project this half term is:

What's Your Superpower?



Over the last half term the children showed high levels of interest in role play focused on a superhero theme. We have decided to develop a project linked to this, with the series of books *Supertato*, Sue Hendra, at the heart of the theme. Through lots of modelling in this project we want the children to experience roleplaying superheroes but in a way that all their friends remain happy. We will also investigate our own superpowers and special skills!

As part of this project we will:

- Provide a range of activities within provision that link to the theme, including Supertato themed Literacy areas, a 'make a Mr Potato Head' malleable area.
 - Set up a 'Supertato Supermarket' role play area with an alliteration theme.
- Develop the Phonics Area so that it supports the children who will move into Reception in September.
 - Introduce the children to a range of fiction and information texts linked to the theme, such as the *Supertato* series, Sue Hendra, *Super Daisy*, Kes Grey and Nick Sharratt, *Superbat*, Matt Carr, *Eliot Midnight Superhero*, Anne Cottringer Starting School, Janet and Allan Ahlberg and *Ten Little Superheroes*, Mike Brownlow.
 - Make capes with the initial letter of our name on the back.
 - Learn new ways to be independent, including getting dressed, using cutlery and taking risks.

Maths

Thank you to all parents who attended our Maths information evenings and workshops last half term. We have really seen a huge improvement in the children's number skills. To continue to develop this, our Maths area will support children's early understanding of number and quantity. Maths opportunities will also take place throughout the week, including taught sessions at carpet times and activities relating to the project:

- Straw-suck pea counting
- Exploring money in the supermarket role play
 - Weighing fruits and vegetables
 - Data handling – which vegetable is your favourite?

Phonics

The children will again be enjoying a range of activities which enable them to match and distinguish between sounds to give them the auditory skills they need in preparation for learning to read and write when they start school.

We have now moved onto awareness of rhyme, alliteration and more recently, orally segmenting sounds in words and blending them back together, e.g.:

c-a-t = cat

Please see the below websites to practise at home:

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-1>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm>

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th July 2019 – Superhero Day. Please come dressed as your favourite superhero!

Wednesday 17th July 2019 – Family Day. Please join us for an end of the year celebration.



Tapestry and School Ping



SchoolPing

Don't forget to continue to add your home experiences to Tapestry. We love to see what the children have been doing at home. The weekend homework activity on Tapestry and School Ping is also a great way to learn together over the weekend.