

'Super Troopers'

Oak Class Newsletter - Term 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

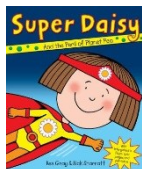
Welcome back and Happy New Year, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

Our topic is 'Super Troopers'. During this term we will be looking at how we are super, what super means and how we can be super learners. We will also look at people who help us in an emergency and answer the questions: When do we need help? What is an emergency? And what do we do in an emergency? We will also be learning some basic first aid! We are very lucky during this term to have a visit from our Police Community Support Office and from the Fire Brigade. **On Thursday 4th February** to celebrate our learning we will be having a Super Hero Day with our East Hoathly friends at Chiddingly School which will finish with an award ceremony for parents to attend.

Areas of Learning



Literacy: Our focus in literacy this term is using our phonic knowledge to write sentences, stories, recounts through talk for writing about our favourite superheroes. In reading, our phonics knowledge, high frequency and tricky words will develop further from our reading of different books such as non-fiction texts about the emergency services. We will also be enjoying the book, 'Super Daisy', Kes Gray and Nick Sharratt.



Maths: In maths we are going to secure our knowledge of number, then we will look at addition and subtraction with the support of objects.

The main part of the topic is looking at the police and fire fighters and their different roles in emergencies and prevention. This term will be filled with role play of different scenarios and how we can act quickly and safely to keep people safe. We will also look into how we can make the world around us safe and how technology can impact on this.

To develop our personal, social and emotional skills we are going to think about how we are special, our goals and ambitions and how we express and achieve these.

Learning Journeys

If you wish to look through your child's learning journey at home, please ask and we can arrange. Books do need to return to school the next day as they may be needed for work to be put into them or for the staff to use. As explained when the children began school, you

are welcome to bring in any photos or contributions for the learning journey books. Also, please continue to complete 'I Can' slips to celebrate your child's home achievements.

Home Learning

I would like to thank you all for your effort with last terms home learning tasks including reading with your children.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for a few minutes. At this stage it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures and their developing letters and sounds knowledge, as well as spending time discussing the events of the story.
Letters and Sounds	Home learning books will continue to come home with the sounds that we have been learning. We have now moved on to learning 'digraphs' (two letters to make one sound).

Super Home Challenges!

You might like to choose one of the following activities to try with your child at home. You can bring these into school whenever they are finished to share with the class.

- Make a super hero badge.
- Make a superhero vehicle using construction or junk modelling.
- Write a superhero story or design a super hero costume.
- Give someone in your house a super power and make a poster about it.
- Find out about someone who helps others, eg. Coastguard, lolly pop ladies, doctors, nurses etc. Bring in any books that you have at home about people who help us to share.



As part of our learning journey we would like to know what your child knows and would like to find out about in relation to our topic this term. Please take some time to talk about 'Super Troopers - heroes and people who help us' and then record it below.

Websites and Links

- www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 2,3 and 4 games, blending sounds and words.
- If you wish to make learning games to have fun at home, you can print from www.twinkl.co.uk and browse the EYFS Reception section.

Arriving at School in the Mornings

Over the course of the Spring Term, we would like to encourage the children to come into school independently, with the other classes. Children can wait with parents and carers in the main playground and at 8.50 the bell will ring and all children walk in through the main door, just as they do at playtime. Either Mrs Tayed or Mrs Winchester will be in the playground from 8.45, for any important messages to be passed on. If it is wet, the hall is open for waiting. If you feel your child needs more time to adjust to this, then please use the Reception Class door as normal for the next few weeks. After the Easter Holiday, all children will come into school together through the main door. Collection will be as normal from the

classroom at the end of the day. This change will encourage independence and prepare the children for this in Year 1.

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag every day.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school
- Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday but PE kits should be in all week.
- Forest School - Please can all children have a set of Wellies in school at all times, this is so we can use the field and outside areas when it is wet and muddy. Waterproof trousers are essential too.

Please tell us what you think of our termly newsletter, this letter is for you and we would love to hear how we can improve it! Any comments welcome on the back of the slip below. We hope you all have lovely third term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already and how they are continuing to grow. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Winchester



Super Troopers! Name: _____

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I would like to find out about....