



Topic Learning Letter

Year One – Autumn First Half Term

Welcome to Year 1! We are so looking forward to be teaching and getting to know you this year and have so many exciting things planned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Miss Brown or Mrs Mercer.

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| Topic | Our topic this half term is 'We are Heroes'. We will be learning about aiming high in all things and achieving the best we can through following the example of everyday heroes such as police officers, doctors, scientists, engineers, firefighters and many others. |
| Launch and Land | We are going to launch our topic through solving clues left by Super Semar to begin to consider what is needed for our quest to become the best we can be. We will land our topic by having a superhero day where we dress up as super heroes and complete undercover hero missions. |
| Trips / Visitors | We hope to welcome some parents who feel that they can talk to the children about how they help others – for example scientists, police, nurses and so on. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are willing to come in to speak with the children. We also aim to use our local forest school at Herbert's Farm (Hilly Bumps) to complement our learning, particularly in English, Science and Art. |
| Science | In Science, we will be learning about the seasons, the order they fall in and how the weather changes during them. We will begin by looking out for signs of autumn, noting the weather each day, the temperature each day and noting how the days shorten and nights lengthen. Children are welcome to bring in objects or observations with respect to the change of seasons. |
| Computing | In Computing, we will be learning all about internet safety. We will look at what the internet is and how it can be used to usefully communicate, and how to stay safe while doing this. |
| Geography | Super Semar needs help with her shopping! In geography, we will look at world maps and globes to find the 7 continents and 5 oceans to help us consider where our food comes from! |
| Design and Technology/ Computing/ Art | To keep us at peak superhero performance, we will make a 'rainbow wrap' with a brightly coloured vegetable filling – just the thing for tired and hungry heroes! In computing we will learn basic skills such as logging on/off the server and elements of the keyboard such as shift, space bar, enter. We will also consider safety when using technology and how this applies to our life. In art, we will be exploring the work of Andy Goldsworthy who creates sculptures from natural materials, linking to our autumnal adventures. |
| Music | In music this half term we will explore making sounds with our voices using high/low, quiet/loud or long and short sounds and using these in speaking, chanting and singing. We will also explore using our bodies to create percussion sounds by clapping, tapping etc. |
| PSHE and citizenship | This half term's focus is the Zones of Regulation and how we can begin to regulate our emotions. We will also consider where we fit in as part of our community and how we can feel safe within it through rules and responsibilities. |
| RE | This half term we will be thinking about 'Special People'. We will think about how we are special, how others are special to us, and people who are special to those of different faiths. |
| Reminders | We will be visiting Forest School this half term and details will be sent separately. We will need volunteers to accompany the classes to Forest School – please let the office or your child's class teachers know if you can help. Reading morning is currently not possible but we will keep you updated with this on the learning letter. PE with Mr Gilkes will be on Thursday, please send your child into school on this day in their PE kit. |

