



Topic Learning Letter

Year One – Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 1! We are looking forward to 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 the Year One team.

Topic	Our topic this half term is 'We are Heroes'. We will be learning about superheroes and 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 superheroes 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 etc. 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 compliment 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. We will learn basic skills such as logging on/off the server and elements of the keyboard such as shift, space bar, enter.
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	To keep us at peak superhero performance, we will make a healthy flapjack, just the thing for tired and hungry heroes!
Art	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 using our senses to tell us about the world of religion and belief, with a focus on Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism.
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. PE lessons will take place on a Monday. Please send your child into school on this day in their PE kit.