



## St Mary's Primary School Writhlington

Summer Term 1



### Topic

The topic for Summer Term 1 is *Superheroes and Minibeasts*. We are learning about our own individual Super Powers-what makes each one of us special and unique.

Also, we will be learning about some amazing creatures with their own Super Powers- like bats and minibeasts.

### Physical Development

PE Kits required on Fridays this term please. This term's focus is on Ball skills. We are going to try to do our PE sessions outside wherever possible so please do send your child in suitable footwear.

### Reading

Thank you for your continued support with reading and key word practice at home! The children are really enjoying our Reading Practice books. It is so important that you try to read these with your child as often as you can-even just 5 minutes a day can and does make a huge impact on their reading development.

### Phonics

In Phonics this term, we are covering many longer words containing the **Phase 2** and **Phase 3** sounds that we have already learnt. Also, compound words such as **windmill** and words that end in **-ing -ed** and **-est**.

It is so important for the children to be able to recognise and say these individual sounds quickly as they are the sounds that make up most of the words in their reading practice books. Do look at the Little Wandle Parents section for more details... [Little Wandle- Parents resources](#)

### Literacy

In Literacy, we are reading lots of fantastic new Superhero fiction stories such as 'Supertato'. You might have heard that we have already had quite a disruptive visitor in Little Oaks!



We also have a non-fiction focus, where we are learning facts about bats and spiders, among other minibeasts. The children will be able to research and write up their own 'Bat Fact' file.

To develop the children's understanding of other cultures we are also learning about a traditional Ghanaian story character called Anansi the Spider. We are reading all about his adventures.

Little Oaks will also be writing longer sentences containing 'and' and describing words.

If you still have your postcard at home do please help your child to write us a message and send it into school with them.

### Mathematics

We have some exciting maths activities planned this term! As well as counting and number recognition (which are really important at this early stage), there will be a focus on shape too. The children will be learning the shape names and properties of both 2D (flat) shapes, including star, heart, oval, circle, square, triangle and rectangle, and 3D (chunky) shapes, including cylinder, cube, cuboid and sphere. The children will also begin using an App called '1 minute maths', which will help to support their mathematical learning, targeted at the level they are working at. This will run alongside our learning steps sessions that we complete each week, 1:1 with your child. Please continue to practise these learning steps with your child at home to enable them to make rapid progress and consolidate their learning and understanding. Our KIRF (Key instant recall fact) for this term is...

To be able to talk about odd and even numbers and amounts.

To be able to say what makes a number or amount odd and even.

(See attached sheet for ideas and useful websites).

### Foundation and Topic Sessions

We have kicked off our topic with a bug hunt outside. The children will also be posing as their own Super Hero, complete with superpowers and special words to say...



We are watching our flowering plants as they begin to grow in our own outside area.

In Art the children will be making 3D bats and Spider hats and drawing natural objects.

In R.E. the children are learning all about the importance of God and Creation to Christians. In Jigsaw, which is our Personal, Social, Emotional Learning programme, the theme this term is 'Relationships'. We will talk about topics including, how to be a good friend, respect for each other, special relationships to us, and how to resolve conflicts when they occur.

### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April-School Photos

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May-Bank Holiday

### Important Messages...

-Wellies – We are a school that embraces outdoor play and learning. At lunchtimes, children are allowed on the school field in all weather conditions, provided they have a pair of wellies. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies that can be left at school Not only do children wear these at lunchtimes, we also need wellies for activities we teach outside in our wonderful grounds.

- Cloakroom/Ramp – Please do not let your child run up and down the ramp outside, it can be extremely slippery and accidents have happened.

To ensure the start of the day is as calm as possible for all the children, do please try to encourage your child to come up the steps or ramp by themselves.

-Snack- The children are provided with a free snack of fruit and/or vegetables daily. We encourage them to all eat in the morning and have a 'rolling snack' where they can help themselves again in the afternoon. If the children would like to bring in their own fruit or vegetable for snack time that is fine, but no biscuits/crisps etc please.

-Map of the area- If anyone has any old OS Maps, particularly of around the Radstock area that they could donate to us, we would be very grateful.

### ...and finally,

We highly value the parent/carer and teacher relationship. It is so important to the learning and development of your child and we welcome you to come in and speak to us, or make an appointment to see us individually.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Little Oaks Team ☺