September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers.

**Our Topic**

This term, our topic all about ‘Super’ things, will have a community theme and will focus on the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum in which children learn about themselves and other people, as well as responsibilities and relationships. We will be finding out about how to be a friendship hero, we will be exploring what special qualities a superhero would need to have to care for ourselves, our friends, families and the world around us?

We will then focus on ‘minibeasts’ and their importance in our natural habitat. We will explore which animals are endangered, and how we can look after them.

**Visitors**

Also as part of our topic, we would like to meet some ‘everyday heroes’ and people that work with animals. If you know of anyone who would come to school to share their expertise, please do let us know!

**Reading at Home**

**We change library books every Friday so please can you ensure it is in school on a Friday so your child can change it. Thank you.**

Also, In order to encourage children to read daily, we would like to encourage reading on a daily basis at home. We will continue to encourage and celebrate regular reading with reading certificates awarded in a class celebration each Friday. Please continue to record your child’s daily read as we may look at it to plan for phonic activities suited to your child. **Please can you ensure that your child’s reading books are kept in a school bag and that your child brings it to school everyday.**

**Topic Map**

There are activity suggestions on the topic map for you to complete at home with your child. Please do bring any of these outcomes into school and we will ensure your child celebrates it with the class.

**Phonics and Handwriting**

Your child will be expected to write neatly, using finger spaces, with ‘lead-ins’ at the start of each lower case letter. This half-term we will begin by to practising lowercase letters during handwriting during the week.

**Volunteers**

If you would like to help in any way within the classroom, please come and see us to discuss this further. We would love to see more of you to listen to the children read, or get yourself messy with some gardening!  Even if you cannot commit to a weekly slot please do ask us, as you are welcome to sign up to an occasional day too!

**Named Clothing**

Please ensure that all clothing is regularly checked to ensure that items fit and are clearly labelled (including the front of P.E. bags, kit, book bags and water bottles). During periods of colder weather, please also provide your child with a named hat and gloves. Please ensure that your child brings a named coat to school every day as we will go outside daily, regardless of the weather! Also, please check that your child has named jogging bottoms for outdoor PE. **PE is on a Monday and Thursday.**

**Communication**

Please check the Year 1 whiteboard next to the outside door of the Year 1 classroom when picking your child up from school. We will use this to remind you of any upcoming events and to pass on any other general information, in addition to the usual texts and emails. Please remember to let the office know if any of your telephone or email details have changed. As always, we operate an open-door policy, so please speak to a member of the Year 1 team at the end of the day if you have any individual concerns or questions. We are also happy to make an appointment to chat over the phone if you are unable to come to school.

We look forward to lots of fun, adventure and discovery this half term!

Kind regards,

Mrs Galvin and the Year One Team