

St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Reception Class

What I am Learning - Spring 2: Heroes

Text: Eliot Midnight Superhero

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication and Language	This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through circle time activities, story sessions and through partner work. We will be discussing many different elements of our text 'Eliot Midnight Superhero.' Linking with our 'Heroes' theme, we will be asking lots of 'how' and 'why' questions and encouraging the children to do the same. We will also be finding out lots more about different occupations and we will be encouraging the children to think of and ask their own questions. We will also be discussing 'Lent' and how we can grow in Jesus' love during this time.	Mathematics: Numbers & Shape, Space and Measure	In our Maths work we will be continuing to explore number bonds initially to five and then to ten. We will be using and becoming more familiar with five and tens frames. We will begin to explore 'doubling' and try to recall some doubling facts. We will also explore 'measurement' in our maths work during this half term. We will begin by using no-standard methods to measure different objects (e.g. cubes, counters) and then proceed to look at standard units of measurement using rulers and tape measures.
Physical Development	We will be continuing to focus on developing the children's fine and gross motor skills through different activities and opportunities that we have daily in our areas of continuous provision. In our phonics groups, we will continue to practice letter formation on a daily basis. Our PE focus this half term will be 'Throw, Catch, Send and Receive.'	Understanding the World	We will continue to look at changes in our environment and discuss them. We will be discussing/learning lots more about our theme 'Heroes' and who are the people in our community that help us all. We are hoping to invite some visitors into school so that the children can meet some of our 'real life' heroes and find out about their occupations.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will be encouraging the children to access different classroom areas and talk about why they prefer some activities to others. We are also encouraging the children to take more responsibility in resolving problems independently. Through our RE work, we will be talking about 'Lent' and how we can grow in Love during this time. We will be talking about what we can do to be more like Jesus during Lent and we will be exploring the Easter story.	Expressive Arts and Design	We will be experimenting with different materials and creative techniques this half term. We will continue to explore many different painting techniques and styles and also create some 'pop art' artwork. In Music, the children will be creating music using the instruments independently, with a partner or in a small group. We will be encouraging the children to adapt and make changes to the music they have created.
Literacy: Reading & Writing	We will be sharing stories/ books related to our topic and we will be encouraging the children to listen and respond appropriately. Our text this half term 'Eliot Midnight Superhero' provides a variety of writing opportunities that we will explore – character descriptions, comic strips, rescue plans... Our phonics groups will continue on a daily basis and these sessions will begin to last a little longer as the children are progressing through the phonics scheme.	Outdoor Provision	We will continue to access our outdoor area on a daily basis. Our provision includes; sand, water, reading area, small world, construction, writing and mark making and role play areas. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing as we access the outdoor area throughout each day.

*When working on our text, we always try to select a story that the children may not have seen before we do not read the whole story initially. We work on the text over the course of the half term, and unpick each section, our focussed activities and challenges are based upon the part of the story we are working on to keep an element of surprise and suspense. If you do wish to read the story at home with your child, please could you do so once we have completed our topic and text work, thank you.