

## Communication and language (Prime)

This half term our topic in Reception will be Fantasy and Super Hero's. We will be looking at stories linked to Fantasy and we will focus on asking and answering questions. The children will be encouraged to talk about their favourite Super Hero's and their exciting super powers. We will use our topic to discuss fantasy and reality and look at the different ideas the children share and create. We are focussing on the author 'Sue Hendra' and will be exploring the Supertato series.

**What you can do to help? Talk about different fantasy characters and the idea of Super Hero's. Discuss the difference between fantasy and reality and share stories together.**

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime)

We will be linking our abilities to super powers and encouraging the children to talk about things they are good at and things they need more practice with. We will be looking at sharing and co-operating when playing games together, focusing on taking turns and celebrating each others' successes. We will move onto describing ourselves positively and acknowledging successes in ourselves and each other.

### What can you do to help?

Play turn taking games with your child and encourage them to explore different players winning. Discuss things your child is good at and how we need to practice other skills.

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## Maths (Specific)

In maths we will be matching numbers to quantities, ordering and sequencing numbers, finding 1 more or less and moving onto doubling numbers using objects. We will consolidate our understanding of comparing 2 groups moving to addition using objects, number lines and counting on.

We will be investigating capacity, mass, length and height. We will consolidate our knowledge of 2d shapes and start to explore time and sequence.

**What can you do to help? Talk about numbers as you are out and about and look at 1 more or 1 less than a given number. Compare objects by length and weight and use objects to measure. Talk about different times in the day and use time words- first, next, then. Go shape spotting and look at how many sides and corners shapes have.**

## Physical Development (Prime)

This half term we will be spending more time outside enjoying the cold weather. We will be exploring the changes as spring starts to show in our outdoor area. Our PE will be focussed on movements, balance and control and we will develop our game skills. We will use games to help us to move and stop and will navigate space and obstacles.

We will continue to practice pencil control and using tools with accuracy and control. Through different activities we will practicing our letter orientation and formation.

**What you can do to help? Please practice rolling, passing and kicking balls. Using different pens and pencils for writing and correct letter formation.**

## Expressive arts and Design (Specific)

We will continue to explore different materials such as paint, chalks, pencils, oil pastels and inks to create and we will look at colour mixing and creating our own shades. The children will make music using instruments and body percussion and we will explore and copy different rhythms in music. The children will be encouraged to design and create their own super hero ideas and masks.

**What you can do to help? Talk about colours and what happens when you mix and alter them. Look at choosing colours for a specific purpose.**

## Understanding the world (specific)

The children will be exploring the changes in the garden and watching spring appear. We will be keeping a note of the changes and using magnifying glasses to help us to observe changes closely. We will be preparing and weeding the beds ready for planting. Our RE topics are Stories Jesus heard and told and in our RE sessions we will share our experiences of stories and look at how Jesus shared stories with his friends. **What can you do to help? Spot the signs of spring and talk about the changes. Share stories with your child and discuss why you enjoyed them.**

## Literacy (Specific)

This half term we are focussing on fantasy stories and looking at the differences between fantasy and real events and ideas. We will read a selection of Supertato stories and will explore linked vegetables and fruits. We will look at the structure of stories and explore what happens when we change stories.

In writing we are focussing on letter formation and building words using our knowledge of sounds. We are exploring sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

**What you can do to help? Share story books and think about what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story. Share fantasy stories and discuss the idea of fantasy.**

**Please remember to read your child's school reading book each night and keep practicing those tricky words.**