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Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 1 this half term.

Curriculum

Our topic this half term is '**Heroes and Villains**' and the main focus for this topic will be Science, Literacy and Topic.

Memorable Experience: A superhero day!

English: Pupils will be learning about comic strips and stories related to superheroes and real life heroes. Pupils will be learning to reread and check their writing to make it better. Pupils will be learning to use grammatical terminology for Year 1 understanding regular plural noun suffixes -s or -es [dog, dogs, wish, wishes], including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun. Pupils will learn to use grammatical terminology for Year 1 understanding how the prefix un- changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives.

Maths: Pupils will learn to compare, describe and solve practical problems for mass or weight [for example, heavy or light, heavier than, lighter than]. Pupils will compare, describe and solve practical problems for time [for example, quicker, slower, earlier, later]. Pupils will measure and begin to record mass/weight. Pupils will recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes. Pupils will sequence events in chronological order using language [for example, before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening].

Science: Pupils will be learning about the everyday materials and their properties through experiments and research.

Topic: Pupils will be learning about real life heroes such as police officers, nurses and fire fighters and finding out about their jobs. Pupils will learn about lives of significant individuals (Florence Nightingale) in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.

Homework:

- Practise phonics sounds learnt in school
- Practise spellings
- Complete maths homework

Reading:

Please encourage your children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books as frequently as possible. The story Supertato is a great book, Meet Supertato! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?

Kind regards,

Mrs Lally, Miss McKoy and Miss Rahman
(Year 1 Teachers)