



# Year R Newsletter

Welcome to our first summer newsletter. We hope that you all had a good Easter break and are ready for a busy and exciting summer term!



This half term our topic is 'Superheroes!' The children will be solving super-sized problems and thinking about the qualities of a Superhero. They will be planting super seeds and flowers and taking responsibility for the Year R garden. The children will be expressing their ideas about the topic through creative activities and we will be having a go at green-screening in our ICT sessions.

In addition to this, they will get the chance to perform on our very own Superhero stage - to sing, dance or tell a story!

In Literacy, the children will continue to learn key vocabulary and use writing for a variety of purposes, for example, describing which super powers they would like to have. In Mathematics, we will use the theme to explore capacity, compare lengths and revise the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also continue our work on addition and subtraction. We will have lots of opportunities to explore all areas of mathematics during Maths Week at the end of this half term.



In PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics where the children will be learning the five basic shapes; straight, star, tuck, straddle and pike. Through our topic we will be teaching the children to understand the importance of physical exercise and a healthy diet. We will also be focusing on 'specialness', starting with things that are precious to the children. We will explore various artefacts such as crosses, the Bible and the Torah Scroll and discuss why these are special to Christians and Jews.



## Helping your child at home

- Please continue to enjoy sharing books and hear your child read every day.
- Practise the Teddy Words and digraphs and encourage your child to look for them in their books, on signs, in the supermarket etc.
- Find opportunities for your child to practise their writing, focusing on forming their letters using school writing.
- Look for numbers on the way to school, focusing on 1 - 20. Talk about one more and one less than numbers to 20.
- Look out for changes in the environment as we move into summer.
- Talk to your child about things that are precious to you and explain why.