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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to begin by thanking you all for your hard work this term. We hope you all enjoyed our performance of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel. We could see how hard the children and adults had worked to make the children's first Christmas play at Norwood a success. The children in Reception continue to become more independent in their learning and are becoming increasingly involved in school life, which is lovely to see.

Integrated Curriculum

Our topic next term will be 'Super heroes'. Next half term's activities will focus on:

- Our favourite super heroes
- What makes a good super hero?
- Building super hero lairs
- Designing our own super heroes.

As we also like to plan according to the children's interests, we welcome any suggestions from you, if your child has a particular hobby or interest that they would like to learn more about in school.

Key Topic Vocabulary

(We don't expect the children to be able to write these!)

superhero	mission	fast	muscles
good	bad	rescue	capture
power	flying	invisibility	costume
cape	mask	boots	spider
bat	mobile	cave	zoom
whoosh	fight	win	lose
prisoner			

Home Learning Project

To tie in with our Integrated Curriculum Theme our title for next term's Home Learning Project is 'Super heroes'. As your children will have had a range of experiences and interests, we welcome you to create a project with your child that will allow your child to relay these. Feel free to be as creative as you wish. Some ideas may include making up your own superhero adventure, designing some superhero missions, making a model of a superhero, making up a superhero song, or creating your own super hero scrapbook. Obviously these are only ideas; you and your child are free to do as you wish. Next half term's Home Learning Project will be due in the week beginning **4th February 2013**.

Core Learning Skills

Next half term our Core Learning Skills Theme is 'Developing a sense of self-worth and understanding of self and others'. To support your child in this we will be focussing on the following skills:

- I can be kind to other children
- I can explain why I feel the way I do
- I can identify a friend
- I can express my basic needs to those around me

To support your child's learning you may wish to follow some of these learning skills at home too.

Reading books

As we progress throughout the year more and more of the class will be sent home with reading books. Please ensure that reading books and reading records are sent into school on Friday so that they can be changed.

Lost Property

We've had a couple of items that have gone missing over the past half term. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that anything your child brings in to school must be named. Any toys from home need to be taken home by the adult bringing your child to school at the start of the school day.

We hope that you and your child are looking forward to another exciting half term in Reception.

Yours sincerely

The Reception Team

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

