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Aim High

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October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of our first half term together. It has been an eventful half term and the children in year two seem to have had a fantastic time taking part in all of the activities which we planned for them. I look forward to beginning our second half term together, please remember to come to the door for a chat about your child or arrange a meeting via the office, communication between us is very important.

Here are the exciting things we already have planned for our second half term.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – Superheroes

The main focus for the learning during next term will be:

- Discuss real life superheroes- the children will create their own superheroes and discuss what they think a superhero should be like.
- Describe historical events and people from the past- the children will learn about famous people that interest them and learn about people who they think are superheroes from the past.
- Create fact files on important people- we will find out information about who we think is a historical superhero.
- Create a class information book on our historical superheroes
- Produce portraits and collages in Art of our superheroes
- Look at continents and oceans around the world using atlases, maps and globes which are linked to the superheroes which we have been researching.

Over the holidays your child may like to choose a famous person from history that they have a particular interest in, for example Mary Anning (who discovered several different fossilised creatures) and bring back this name to share the first Monday back. From here, the children will then be able to begin their own school research projects based on individual interests.

Key vocabulary for next term: superhero, historical, artefacts, museum, continents, oceans, past, present,

To launch the topic I would like to invite the year 2 children to come to school dressed as a superhero on **Friday 6th November 2015**. We will have a superhero themed impact day with a number of fun activities for the children to get involved in, as well as collecting ideas for how and what the children would like to learn about superheroes.

ENGLISH

The children are taught English through either Literacy and Language or Read, Write Inc phonics. The Literacy and Language unit next term focuses on Poetry and a suggested reading list can be found below:

- Underwater Farmyard – Carol Ann Duffy and Joel Stewart
- Moon Zoo- Carol Ann Duffy and Joel Stewart
- The rainbow Fish- Marcus Pfister
- Tiddler: The story telling fish- Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
- Meow Ruff: A story in Concrete Poetry- Joyce Sidman

READING

Your child should now be bringing home books to read and share with you and this will continue through the next term. If your child is a free reader, they get to choose 1 book from a selection. If your child currently learns in a Read Write Inc group, they receive 2 books (1 they have previously read and enjoyed, and 1 entirely new to them) these are changed weekly. Year 2 also have the opportunity to visit the library once a week, and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. They bring home 1 library book, and these will also be changed weekly.

MATHS

Next term, the children will be focussing on the following:

- Ordering Numbers
- Measuring – Weight and Capacity
- Measuring- Time (quarter past / quarter to)
- Properties of shape – Patterns, quadrilaterals, faces
- Position and direction – Symmetry

The children will continue to use mathematical vocabulary throughout the term such as weight, kilograms, grams, capacity, litres, millilitres, hour, minute, pattern, quadrilateral, 2-D, 3-D, shape, faces, edges, vertices, symmetry,

HOME LEARNING

Home learning will be given to your child every Wednesday to be completed and handed back in the following Wednesday. It will consist of a weekly piece of both English and Maths skills.

The children are also invited to complete a half termly home learning project, however this is not compulsory. The theme is *Superheroes*. You will receive a Pow Project sheet in the first week of term with details of ideas for your child's projects. It is suggested that the children can choose project ideas that total 5 Pow points.

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT

We would like to invite you to come into our class so we can share all of the wonderful learning that we will have done about our superhero topic. All welcome, from siblings to grandparents. We will send a letter nearer the time to give you further information.

Please note, the Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance will be at **9am on Thursday 10th December 2015**. More information regarding costumes will be sent out nearer the time.

PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week, outdoor PE is weather dependent at this time of year. Indoor PE session will be every Wednesday. We ask that the children bring in their complete kit (including plimsolls/trainers) on a Monday, and leave this at school until Friday. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (**by the child**) or covered with a plaster (**which must be supplied from home**).

Your child will require the following PE kit (**Clearly named**):

- Plain white t shirt
- Black/grey shorts
- Tracksuit for outdoor PE
- Socks
- Plimsolls/trainers

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Your child can have a hot meal option or 'funky five' packed lunch style meal. These do not need to be booked in advance.

Thank you for making my first half term at Norwood a fantastic one and I look forward to working alongside you for the coming terms.

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Class Teacher

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Mrs Fenwick
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Mrs D Reynolds
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