

## **Welcome to Year 2 - Useful Information for parents**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We would like to take this opportunity to say welcome back after the summer break! It is so lovely to be able to see you in school again and we are excited about the term ahead! Please find attached some information about the term and a copy of our knowledge organiser for our theme “Super Me!”.

### **Morning – expectations**

We will meet your child at the playground gate. Staff will escort them to the classroom via the veranda (back classroom door). Children need to put their belongings away and complete the activity that will be out in the classroom. If you need to give me a message, you can either send me an email, give a letter to your child or book an appointment via the office.

### **After school – expectations**

At the end of each day, the children will be dismissed from the playground gate and leave the school following the one-way system. You should wait in the socially distanced line and we will send your child over to you when we see that you are at the front of the queue.

### **Personal items in school**

Although we will be providing children with hand sanitiser and tissues at school, children are welcome to bring in their own if they would like to. We will be providing all pupils with a “learning pack” that contains all of the stationery that they will need.

### **Timetable and PE**

Our weekly timetable will look like the one attached. The children will be taught to look at it to find out which lessons they have for the day. It is also handy for finding out which day they will need their PE kits. This year PE is on a Monday and Thursday and they will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. The PE kit consists of navy blue/ black shorts or leggings, team coloured T-shirt (given by school) and plimsolls or trainers. All PE kits must be free from any large logo or brand name. Please ensure that your child is warm enough, with jumpers and leggings or tracksuits over the top of their kit.

### **Reading and changing books**

Most children will continue reading their colour banded books as in the previous year (Bug Club and Oxford Reading Tree books from the Team 1 Corridor). Please note that we will be assessing your child’s reading level and will make adjustments of their level if needed. Please bear with us at the start of a new and busy term.

Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday as needed. Please encourage your child to read their book at least 3 times to support the development of fluency and comprehension.

Once a child is confident with reading Gold/White books and they pass the required Star test, they will move onto using Accelerated Reader and our library system. Children will be encouraged to learn to change their books independently. Every child progresses at different rates and the books they get to

choose from reflect the level of reading they are currently on. Please ask if you would like further information about Accelerated Reader.

## Theme

Our Theme for the beginning of the Autumn term will be 'Super Me!'. Please see the Knowledge Organiser attached. As part of our theme we are hoping to talk to some 'real life superheroes' eg Doctors, Nurses, Fire-fighters or Police Officers. This would be in the form of a virtual call or video. If this is you or you know someone who would be up for this, please contact the school office to let us know.

## Outdoor Learning

As we will be spending more time outside this term, please could all children bring a weather-appropriate coat each day and please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes.

## Extra Information

- Due to missing the Phonics Screening in the Summer term, the children will be doing this in the Autumn term before Christmas (more information to follow).
- The children will be sitting their KS1 SATs during May 2021.

Best wishes,

Miss Coney

9.15 – 9.25	9.25 – 9.50	9.50–10.40	10.40–10.55	11.00 – 11.25	11.25–12.15	12.15 –1.00	1.00 – 1.25	1.25–2.45	2.50–3:00	3.00 – 3.10
MON CEWs	Handwriting	Maths		Phonics/ Spelling (1)	English		(ST) PPA 1.00 – 2.00 PE	(TC) PPA 2.00 – 3.00 RE / Computing		Class Story
TUES HW/ Spelling	No Nonsense Number	Maths		Phonics/ Spelling (2)	English		Guided Reading	Theme (1)		Class Story
WED Maths	9.25 – 10.15 Maths	10.15 – 10.40 Handwriting 1:1 Readers Feedback		Phonics/ Spelling (3)	English		Guided Reading	Theme (2)		Class Story
THURS Reading	No Nonsense Number	Maths		PE	Phonics/ Spelling (4)		Music 1.00pm – 1.45pm	PSHE 1.45 pm – 2.45pm	Afternoon Break	Class Story
FRID HW	No Nonsense Number	Maths		Phonics/ Spelling (5)	English		Guided Reading	Theme (3)		Class Story

# Theme Knowledge: Superheroes - Super Me! Team 1 Autumn 1

## Top Ten Vocabulary

Superhero	A character, usually with superpowers, who fights evil villains and protects people.
Villain	A 'baddie' or criminal in a book or film etc. They perform nasty or 'evil' tasks against others.
Evil	Very bad, nasty and wrong.
Rescue	To save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation.
Superpower	An exceptional or extraordinary power or ability.
Crime	To do something wrong, which breaks the law.
Appearance	The way that someone or something looks.
Character	The way a person 'is' and behaves eg They were a grumpy character often ignoring other people.
Emergency	A serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.
Emergency Services	Respond to emergency situations and try to help people eg Police, Ambulance service and Fire Brigade

## Synopsis

This half term we will begin by focusing on the children themselves and what makes them 'Super'. We will go on to think about real life heroes, such as those in the emergency services and will finally be having fun looking at fictional superheroes. We will be reading the 'Supertato' story and using it to create our own superhero stories and characters. We will also be exploring different materials and considering which material would be most suitable to make a superhero cape.



## Key Knowledge

**Lee Falk** (USA), created the first superhero called 'The Phantom', who debuted in his own newspaper comic strip on 17 Feb 1936.

**Stan Lee** was the creator of Spiderman, the X-Men and many other comic superheroes.

Superman was the first superhero with superpowers.

Some superheroes don't actually have super powers but are merely strong individuals who want to do good in the world.

When there is an emergency and you require the police, an ambulance or the fire brigade, call 999.