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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term, which promises to be very busy!

Our topic this half term is '**Superheroes**' - below is an overview of the curriculum coverage.

In **Literacy**, Reception children will continue with green 'Get Writing books' from the Read, Write Inc. scheme. In phonics, we will continue to consolidate set 2 sounds (ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou and oy) before learning set 3 sounds towards the end of term.

Year 1 and 2 children will be creating a character profile of a Superhero, writing a Superhero adventure story and designing a 'Wanted' poster for an Arch Villain. We will also be learning how to write a non-chronological report. In phonics, Y1 & 2 will be consolidating their knowledge of alternative spellings for the same sound, e.g. ow/oa, ir/er/ur, air/are, as well as some more complex word level patterns (suffixes, prefixes and verb tenses).

In **Numeracy**, all children will be working on place value, addition and subtraction, money/measures, telling the time and data handling. Reception children will be working on numbers up to 20 and will continue to sharing two sessions a week with Pre-school children; children in years 1 and 2 will work with Mrs. Steele on numbers and calculations up to and beyond 100.

In **Science** we will be growing plants and investigating the conditions needed for plants to stay healthy. We will be predicting and recording the results of our experiments.

In **Art and Design**, we will be designing our own Superhero, making masks, capes and gadgets as well as creating a silhouette of a city skyline, based on Gotham City. We will create 'Wanted' posters for our Arch villains using **ICT** during topic work.

In **Music** we are rehearsing songs for Shrove Tuesday, Tynedale Music Festival and our end of term 'Praise You' assembly.

In **RE** we will learn about the Easter story including creating Easter gardens.

In **PE** we are very lucky to have a skilled coach teaching gymnastics on Mondays as well as multi-sports during the after-school coaching sessions on Thursdays. We are also swimming this half term.

On Fridays, '**Show and Tell**' will continue, but I would like this to become more of a '**Book Review**' where children bring in their favourite book and talk about why they have enjoyed it so much. We will read extracts and discuss preferences. Anyone who would like to borrow books from our reading corner is more than welcome to - we have lots of favourites in there! If your child has a very special item or achievement they would like to bring in as well, please send this in on a Friday and we will always find time to share with the class.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, however small, please come and find me any day in Class 1 (except Thursdays).

Yours sincerely,

Karen Blythe