

Class 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2023

Hello and welcome! We hope that you all had a great summer. The children have been telling us some of the wonderful things that they did. We have had a lovely first few days and it has been such a joy to see so many happy faces. I have popped a few photos on Dojo, so you can see for yourselves how much fun (and learning shhhh!) the children have been up to!

Our topic for this term is '**Superheroes**' with a focus on the question '**What is a superhero?**' We will be learning all about a range of fictional and real life superheroes but will be starting closer to home by looking at the superhero in ourselves. We will be talking about our unique qualities and how each one of us is special in our own right. We are all super at different things, and training in others! We will also be talking about our families and what makes them special. If you have any hidden superpowers that you wish to share with us, then please let us know. We will also be meeting some very important people from within our community.

Routines in Class 1:

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a named and full water bottle (with water) to school every day, this does not have to be a Holy Trinity water bottle.

Naming items:

Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly named. This helps them (and us!) to ensure they come home with everything.

Library books: You will have noticed that your child will have brought a book home in their bookbag. This is their library book. Please take the opportunity to share this at home. This will prepare them for when they receive their reading books. The children may change this book as often as they please and will have the opportunity to do so each morning.

Please can you ensure that library books are kept in bookbags and brought back into school daily.

PE: PE is on a Monday afternoon with myself (gymnastic skills) and with a sports coach on a Thursday afternoon. Your child will need to come in their Holy Trinity PE kits (red PE top, dark bottoms and a pull-on jumper such as their school jumper) on those days, please.

Book Bags: Please encourage your child to bring their bookbags daily. We will try to pop any letters in them, so please try to check them regularly too.

Forest Fridays More information about Forest Friday's will follow. In addition to our onsite session, we are hoping to regularly visit parks and outdoor spaces within our local community. We so will be seeking regular parent help with this. If you would be interested and could spare a few hours on Friday, please let me know.

Below is an overview of some of the things that the children will be doing this half term.

Thank you for such a warm welcome to the school, it really is appreciated.

If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to phone/email me: a.farnsworth@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk or message me on Dojo.

Miss Farnsworth

English



This half term will be exploring a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books about superheroes and people who help us.

During our first few weeks we will be practicing our name writing and labelling family photos during.

We will meet and ask real life superheroes lots of questions- showing an interest in the lives of other people. We will continue our labelling, labelling emergency vehicles.

We will be writing thank you letters to our visitors and having a walk to the post box to post them!

During Harvest week we will focus on list writing. Creating our own shopping lists.

Maths



We will be following White Rose and will begin the phase 'Match, sort and compare'.

We will learn how to match pictures and objects, as well as identifying sets. We will also sort objects by type and compare amounts.

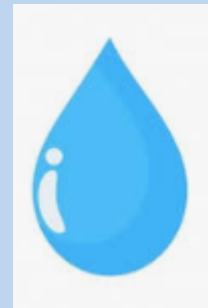
Alongside these sessions we will be carrying out a daily fluency session following NCTEM mastering number. These will be short 5-10 min sessions and begin with subitising.

Phonics



We will be beginning our daily phonic sessions starting which phase 1.

Global Neighbours



As part of our work to achieve our Global Neighbours Award, we will be thinking carefully about our water usage.

Understand the World



This term we will begin by finding out about each other. We will talk about likes and dislikes, what we look like and celebrate our unique talents and qualities. We will then talk about our families and compare them with families from different cultures to our own.

We will learn about people who help us within our community. We will learn what to do in an emergency and how to call 999.

Later on in the term we will be learning the names of our body parts and finding out just what our super bodies can do.

RE



Our RE this term will focus on Creation. We will start by looking at who God is and how we can we care for his wonderful world.

We will find out who Christians are and celebrate Harvest festival.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



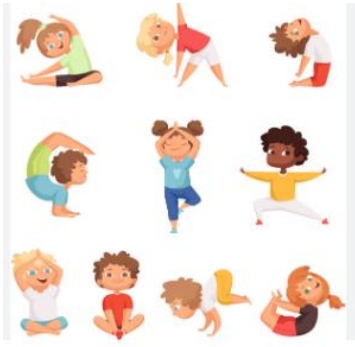
This half term we will begin our Heart Smart Sessions.

The children will learn different ways to be Heart Smart, creating their own Heart Smart toolbelts.

They will meet the Heart Smart character Boris and begin learning about working together and playing cooperatively. We will also be thinking about feelings. The children will learn how to read facial expressions and understand how others feel.

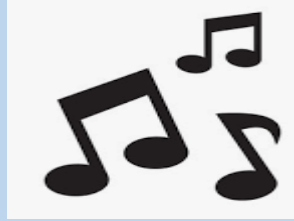
During our final session 'My Heart is full' the children talk about things they love and how they make them feel.

PE



On a Monday children will be doing PE in the church with Miss Farnsworth. She will be teaching gymnastics. On a Thursday the children have a coach who will be doing multi-skills games and activities.

Music



This half term in during our music sessions, we will be exploring how our voices, bodies and instruments make a variety of sounds. We will use a variety of instruments to make sounds from the environment including recreating sounds we hear in nature.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will explore colour mixing to create their own self portrait. They will use I pads to draw pictures of their families for our family tree. They will also use different joining techniques to make their own junk model emergency vehicle. At Harvest time we will be exploring the different prints a variety of fruits and vegetables can make and creating our own vegetable superheroes.

Show and Tell



You will receive a copy of the show and tell timetable but I will also put a copy in the classroom window. Children may bring in **one or two** items/toys from home to show to the rest of the class and talk about them. Items linked to our learning would be great but if it is something that is not, that is also fine! We want to build the children's confidence at speaking in front of the group and to develop their speaking and listening skills. **We would like to encourage the children to have one of their items as a photograph as this provides a wealth of talking opportunities and questions.**

Other Useful Information

If you have any junk modelling at home (small cardboard boxes i.e. toothpaste boxes; yoghurt pots, milk bottle lids etc) any donations would be much appreciated Please remember to give them a wash before bringing them to school.