

## Class 2 (KS1) Newsletter Autumn 2023

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely summer break, I have been hearing about all of the things that the children did and where they went. Our first three days back have been brilliant. I am really proud of the children and how they have settled in to both Year 1 and 2.

Our topic for this half term is '**Superheroes**' with a focus on the question '**What qualities do superheroes have and why?**' We will start this off with a Wow Day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September (see separate letter).

### **Routines in Class 2:**

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child brings a named and full water bottle (with water) to school every day. They live in a box on the shelf next to the main door throughout the day and we can refill them if they are emptied.

**Reading:** Children will read to an adult in school at least once a week as well as a guided reading session once a week. Please read with your child as often as possible (at least 3 times a week is preferable), even if only for a few minutes. Please date and sign their reading record each time they read to you. There is a chart stuck in their new reading diaries. Every time your child reads, please colour in a box/initial on the relevant week and day. They will be rewarded with dojo's for however many times they read a week.

**PE:** PE is on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Your child will need to come in their Holy Trinity PE kits on those days. Monday afternoon will be in church with me and Thursday will be outside with a coach, where the children will do multi-skills. As the weather starts to turn colder, please could your child bring a jumper (not hooded) to wear, or they can wear their school jumper.

**Book Bags:** Whilst we try to check children's book bags, there may be times when we can't. **Please encourage your child to hand any reply slips or money to a member of staff as they come into school. Please can you also check your child's book bag on a daily basis as there is often something in there for you to read.**

Below is an overview of some of the things that the children will be doing this half term. I also post updates and information on Dojo and appreciate all of your comments and messages ☺

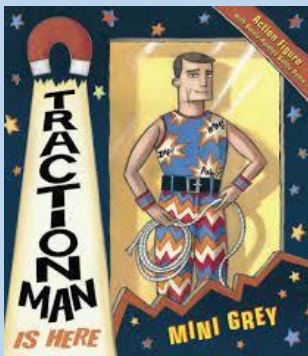
Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to phone/email me: [j.johnson-cooper@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk](mailto:j.johnson-cooper@southwellhollytrinity.org.uk)

Miss Johnson-Cooper

## English

We will read and look at different books and texts linked to our topic - Superworm, Supertato, Real life superheroes non-fiction books and Traction Man.

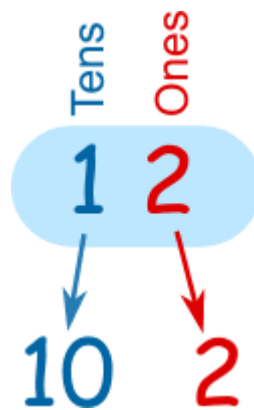
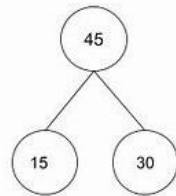
We will be writing lists, character descriptions and information about real life superheroes. We will also write about what could happen next in a story and speech bubbles for different characters and people.



## Maths

In maths both year groups will start with place value then move on to addition and subtraction.

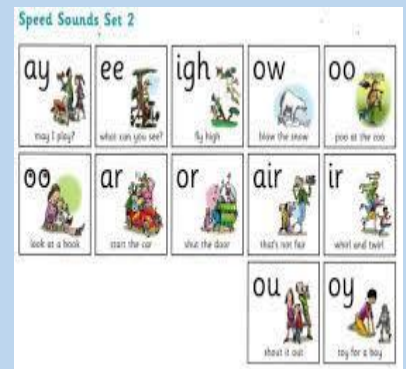
Year 1's will sort, count and represent objects. We will learn the number words and one more and less than. We will learn the symbols for less than, greater than and equal to and compare numbers. Year 1's will be introduced to part-part whole models in addition and subtraction and we will learn fact families and number bonds to 10. Year 2's will use a place value chart and partition numbers to 100. We will learn to write the number words to 100 and count in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Children will practice number bonds to 10 in order to find related facts when looking at number bonds to 100. We will add three 1-digit numbers and learn 10 more and 10 less.



## Phonics

In phonics Year 1's will revise Set 1 sounds including digraphs such as sh, ch, th, qu and double letters ll, ff, ss, zz. We will then consolidate all of the Set 2 phonemes such as ay, ee, igh, ow, oo. Children will have the opportunity to apply the phonemes through different games and activities and by reading lots of real and alien words.

Year 2's will learn the silent letters in kn and gn. They will learn the sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words. They will also learn the wr sound at the beginning of words. We will explore strategies for having a go at spelling words more independently.



## Science, History & Geography

In Science children will learn about animals including humans. For the year 1's, this will include looking at and naming different groups of animals, identifying and naming different parts of the body and naming the five senses. The year 2's will understand the basic needs of animals and humans including for survival. We will look at the importance of eating the right amounts and different types of foods. We will learn about the importance of exercise and hygiene.



In History we will learn about the life of Florence Nightingale.



In Geography we will learn about the continents and oceans by looking at where a superhero might need to go to.

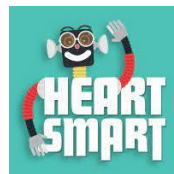


## RE & Heart Smart

RE this term will focus on creation and how Christians believe that God created the world. We will learn about how we should care for the world as everything on it are important.

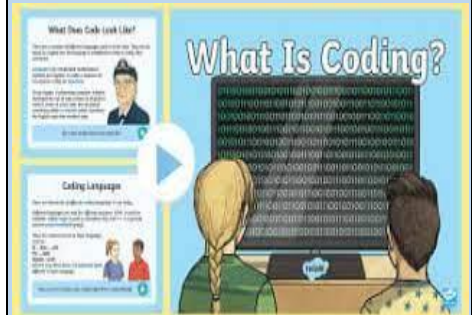


In Heart Smart the theme is the introduction unit called 'Get Heart Smart.' We will learn about Boris the robot and talk about having our own tool belts that help with our feelings and emotions.



## Computing

This half term we will be looking at coding and algorithms, following instructions in a sequence in order to make things work. We will continue to use Purple Mash and the logins for the children will be put into the new diaries as soon as possible.



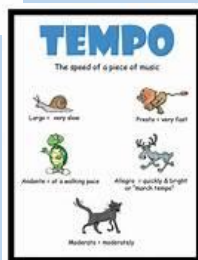
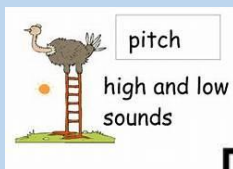
**PE**

On a Monday children will be doing PE in the church with me. We will start with Gymnastics where we will be doing jumps, rolls, and sequences. On a Thursday the children have a coach called Josh who will be doing multi-skills games and activities.



**Music**

In Music we will learn about pitch and tempo through a superheroes theme. We will listen to Superhero theme tunes and we will use chalks to draw when listening to music to express feelings and ideas.



**Art & Design & Technology**

In Art we will create a cartoon superhero picture of ourselves. We will experiment. We will use a variety of drawing techniques such as: hatching, scribbling, stippling, and blending to create light/ dark lines.

In D&T we will have a go at designing and making a superhero balloon powered car.



**Sticky Knowledge**

Sticky knowledge is **effectively knowledge that will stay with us forever**. In other words, an alteration has happened to our long-term memory.

The sticky knowledge we would like the children to gain this half term is:

Key Vocabulary	
<b>adult</b>	A fully grown animal or plant.
<b>develop</b>	To grow bigger and become stronger.
<b>life cycle</b>	The changes living things go through to become an adult.
<b>offspring</b>	The child of an animal.
<b>young</b>	Offspring that has not reached adulthood.
<b>live young</b>	Offspring that has not hatched from an egg.

Some animals give birth to **live young**.



Some animals lay eggs which the **young** hatch from.



Both of these types of **young** then **develop** into **adults**.

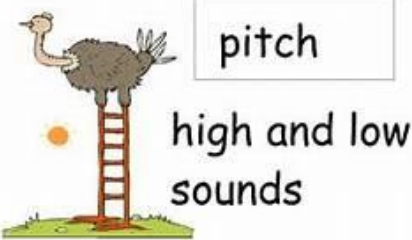
Some **offspring** look like their **adult** when they are born.



Some **offspring** do not look like their **adult** when they are born.



**Sticky Knowledge about Florence Nightingale**



from Wakefield and she helped soldiers during World War 1  
 Mary Seacole was also a nurse who helped soldiers in the Crimean War. She was born in Jamaica and she travelled across the world to help soldiers

Being active and **exercising** keeps our bodies and minds healthy.



To stop germs from spreading, it is important to be **hygienic**.

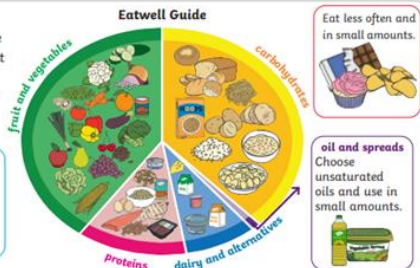
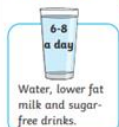


Key Vocabulary	
<b>diet</b>	The food and water that an animal needs.
<b>exercise</b>	A physical activity to keep your body fit.
<b>germs</b>	Tiny living things that can cause disease.
<b>hygiene</b>	How we keep ourselves and the world around us clean so we can stay healthy and stop germs spreading.
<b>nutrition</b>	Food needed to live.

To stay alive, all animals have three basic needs for survival:



To grow into a healthy adult, we must eat the right types of food in the right amount and **exercise**.



Eat less often and in small amounts.

Choose unsaturated oils and use in small amounts.

- The world is made up of many countries.
  - The countries can be grouped into continents.
  - The large amounts of water between each continent are called oceans.
  - Some of the continents are joined by land. Others are separated by oceans.
  - Human features are made by people and physical features are created by nature.
- Seven continents - Antarctica, Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America and Oceania  
 Five oceans - Atlantic, Arctic, Indian, Pacific and Southern

## Show and Tell

The show and tell timetable for the half term will be going home in book bags.

Show and Tell is very popular in Class 2 and we want to build the children's confidence at speaking in front of the class and to develop their speaking and listening skills.



## Other Useful Information

(See the separate Autumn Term Dates letter)

Superhero Wow Day - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Clip 'n' Climb trip - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Harvest Service - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm

More information will follow regarding all of the events but please ask/email if you have any questions/queries.