

Early Years Curriculum Newsletter



January 2024

Dear parents,

Welcome back to school, everyone! We hope you had a fantastic holiday period filled with lots of joy and rest. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and continuing our learning. Remember we go outside every day in all weathers so please do bring in lots of named winter woollies!

Curriculum Overview



Our first topic is **Superheroes**. We will be learning about people who help us like the police, doctors, dentists and teachers! We will also think about what makes us super - and feel good about it 😊
Our first book is "Supertato" which we will use for healthy eating discussions as well as superheroes.



The children will learn about **Chinese New Year** and will get to experience different events that occur during this celebration.

School Timings

Just a reminder that the main gates will open at **8:35am** and classroom doors will open at **8:40am**. The school day ends at **3:15pm**. Please make sure your child is able to carry everything they bring to school on their own as they will need to take it home the same way.

This term our Superhero themed **Stay and Play** is on **Wednesday 12th February** from **2-3pm**. Please do join us in school for some exciting activities together. We will happily welcome younger siblings. This will be an amazing opportunity to come to school dressed up as a Hero! You could be a Super Hero or a personal hero - a nurse, a soldier or your own mum!



Physical Education and Games



All children participate in physical activity as part of the curriculum. The PE kit consists of a plain white round-neck T-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers, and the school jumper or cardigan.

PE will take place every Friday afternoon. We will ask you to send your children to school in their PE kits, which they will wear for the entire day. For health and safety reasons, please ensure that children do not wear jewellery on these days and have a hair band to tie back long hair. Please note that wearing PE kits to school is a different arrangement from the rest of the school.

Walk and Talk Board

At the end of each day, check the whiteboard near our door for hints, tips, and questions to help spark a conversation with your child about their day at school. Please do take a look at the board each day.

Wet and Cold Weather

If you have them, please continue to bring your own pair of wellington boots to school (we do have some spares at school). Please make sure these boots are clearly labelled with your child's name. Additionally, remember to send your child to school with a coat every day as we go outside in all weather conditions, including rain. With the weather getting cooler, it's especially important to be prepared for outdoor activities regardless of the weather.



Ways to Help at Home

There are so many things you can work on at home to help us learn every day: help your child to read and write their own name (a capital letter to start, then lower case), practise fine motor skills like using scissors, playing with playdough and rolling balls, squeezing it and making snakes with it and encouraging your child to use the correct pencil grip. We are extremely grateful for your support with these ideas. Please bring in any work your child is extra proud of.

Reading

With the library now in full flow, the children will be coming home with a new book every Tuesday. Please read this book with your child and write in their reading record when your read together at home.



Library books must be returned by Monday so they can be collected in and scanned before the library on Tuesday.



Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am - 8:40am daily, in the school hall. Breakfast club is open to all children at a cost of £3 a day. Please sign up to breakfast club on Arbor.

We have an after-school club too, run by KOOSA. Please look on the school website in the "Parents" drop down and the "Wrap Around Care" area.



Tapestry – Please use Tapestry actively to record your proud moments, achievements and special occasions. This helps build up a picture of the whole child and when we send them home at the end of the year it will make the record of the year so much more personal and special for you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Louise Carter
Early Years Class Teacher - Badger Class

Mr Daniel Hastings
Early Years Class Teacher - Rabbit Class

Spring Term Diary Dates

Super Hero dress up Day and stay and play - Wednesday 12th February

Spring Crafts Day - Wednesday 26th March

Trip to Gordon Brown Centre - Tuesday 1st April