

**Our learning this half term will follow the theme of Heroes; Superheroes, People who help us & keeping ourselves healthy.**

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

### Playing & Exploring



We will be encouraging all the children to seek out challenges – what will you learn that's new/different to/more than you learnt yesterday?

### Active Learning



We will be encouraging all the children to become more aware of their own goals and try to work on these for themselves.

### Creating and thinking critically



We will be encouraging all the children to develop open ended thinking using questions like: What else is possible?

## Prime Areas of Learning

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development



We will be working on looking at & listening to each other when we are playing and responding to what others say with appropriate comments.

### Physical Development



We will be learning how to travel in different ways across & through different large apparatus and also how to jump & land safely.

We will be talking about how to keep healthy including exercise & eating.

### Communication & Language



We will be encouraging all the children to extend their vocabulary based on a range of stories we will read & areas of interest that arise. We will also ask lots of how & why questions about their learning and linked to stories we read together.

## Specific Areas of Learning

### Literacy



We will be reading stories like Supertato, The Smartest Giant in Town & Stick Man and talk about how characters feel. We will continue Phase 3 letters & sounds knowledge & build reading fluency. We will be encouraging all the children to write letters with correct formation & to write words, phrases and sentences to label their models & paintings.

### Maths



#### Numbers

We will deepen our understanding of numbers up to 10 by looking at number pairs & related addition through pictorial stories.

#### Shape, Space & Measures

We will begin learning 3D shapes and also work on various measures including mass & height, particularly focusing on the correct use of language.

### Understanding the World



We will learn about Chinese New Year. We will encourage the children to notice similarities & differences when things change e.g. when ice melts. We will also learn about important people in the community like the police, doctors & nurses & find out about a famous nurse from the past: Florence Nightingale.

### Expressive Arts & Design



We will be encouraging all the children to construct, build, paint, draw with a purpose in mind. We will encourage them to make changes/additions to their creations in order to add details. We will encourage all children to use small world imaginatively by retelling or making up stories & songs.



**Please continue to support your child's learning at home through the reading/phonics activities provided in book bags & through the Chat, Play, Read activities sent home periodically.**