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# Curriculum Newsletter

## Term 3

Happy New Year

We hope you have had a great Christmas and wish you all the best for 2018. We are looking forward to a fun term ahead and maybe even an opportunity to make some snowmen if we are lucky!

### Reading

We have been busy learning the letters and sounds for the alphabet and will be practising to blend them together to read simple 2 and 3 letter words. Those children who become confident in these skills will soon be starting the digraphs (two letters making one sound, such as ch or ee) to build, read and spell more difficult words. We will also continue to learn our tricky words from our word wallets in readiness for the next stage of books.

If you are off to the Library, you might want to hunt for some of our tricky words in the books. Don't forget to keep an eye on our 'High Frequency Word board' to see who has learnt their words!

### Our Learning Journey

We have a number of children interested in Spiderman and Batman so we will be starting our year off with an action packed topic of Superheroes. Get your capes and masks ready! We plan to solve mysteries and help people in need across the school as we learn more about special powers and secret identities.



### Writing

We will be starting the term with lots of role play and plenty of opportunities to explore new superhero vocabulary. We will then move on to creating our own superhero movies by writing scripts and slogans for our new characters. We will be learning how to write some of our high frequency words and using these in simple sentences.



### Number

Through our topic we will be becoming more confident with our number recognition and counting, learning to recognise shapes and pattern in the environment and ordering numbers to 20 and above. We will have the opportunity to develop our understanding of simple addition and subtraction through practical activities linked to our topics. Watch out for the evil villain 'Take away man' who has been up to all kinds of tricks subtracting our toys and leaving us problems to solve.



### Curriculum 'bits'...

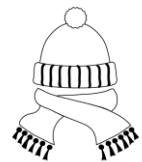
Please make sure that all gloves, hats and scarves are clearly named so that they can be easily reunited with their owner when lost.

P.E. – Please can we have all P.E. kits back in school clearly **Named**. Please save any small boxes, tubes, old wrapping paper .... to help keep our creative areas well stocked.

### ICT useful websites

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/>



### Supporting your child at home

**Please, please, please keep practising the words and sounds** in the wallets and reading with your child at home. If you have any superhero comics or books your child would like to share with us in school, please feel free to bring them in.

It would be great if you could start re-telling stories with your child and acting out scenes from their favourite books to help develop children's vocabulary. Why not have a go at writing your own superhero story?

If you have any queries or would like some more suggestions please just ask!!