



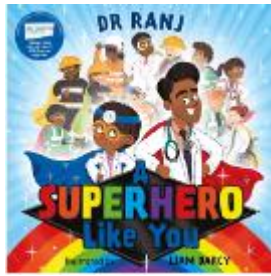
Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a restful half term; the children were definitely ready for a break! We're very excited to welcome them back for a second term. There are lots of exciting activities and events taking place this term in the run up to the Christmas break.

### **Learning this term**

Our key question this term is 'Who helps us?' which gives us the opportunity to look at those in our community who support and help us. If you would like to come into school to talk about your job, then please let your child's class teacher know so that they can organise the best time for you to visit.

We will be looking at a range of books over the term including;



Please, see our topic web on the school website for more information.

### **Travelling Panda/Hippo**

Starting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November each class will be sending home the class Panda or Hippo. They will be sent home in a bag with a book for you write and/or add photos too! This is an opportunity for your child to tell us all about what they have been up to over the weekend. We would love to see them returned before the following Wednesday. We understand that you may not be able to print the photos so please add them to tapestry so that we can add them into the book. We choose to do this as a fun way to develop confidence when speaking and listening to others. It also helps children to practise their writing, reading, phonics and drawing skills.

### **Things to bring in each day in Reception:**

Please ensure that your child brings the following to school every day:

- **School book bag, containing reading book, reading record and phonics sounds to practice with your child**
- **A named water bottle** (water only, not squash or fizzy drinks)
- **Named waterproof coat.**
- **Named wellies**
- **It would also be useful if you could provide a spare set of (including underwear) in case of any accidents, in a plastic bag, which can be stored safely in the classroom.**

\*If your child requires any regular medication, or has an inhaler or epi-pen, this needs to be passed to the school office, who will ask you to complete a medical form and to provide us with more detail about this, including a care plan where necessary.

## **Reading Books**

It has been fantastic to see that the children have started reading at home with their adults or siblings. Please remember to make a note in their reading record every time this happens. At school, the adults in the classroom are beginning to read more and more with the children alongside consistent phonic check ins. These will be appearing more in their reading records from us this term. We are so proud of their progress! I am sure it must feel exciting to hear them begin to read!

## **Tapestry**

Please look at Tapestry regularly as important information is communicated in this way. If you need any help, setting up your account or accessing any information, please let us know! You should have all received a link to activate your child's account. If you have not received this, please let one of us know.

## **PE**

Our PE day is Wednesday. Please ensure that your child come to school wearing suitable clothes and shoes.

## **Dates for your diary:**

16/12/24- Christmas Nativity Performance 2 - 9:30am (School main hall)

16/12/24 – Christmas Nativity Performance 1 - 2:30pm (School main hall)

17/12/24 – Christmas Nativity Performance 2 - 9:30am (School main hall)

\*We will send information regarding the Christmas performances.

## **Best wishes for an enjoyable term!**

Gemma, Sara, Silvia and Aisha

