



Mansfield Primary Academy

The Simbas' Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2020



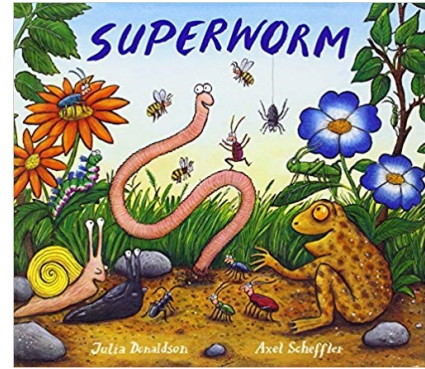
Superheroes

For our second term in Year 1, we will be focusing on the topic, 'Superheroes' This will be an exciting time for us to explore superheroes in our community and superheroes throughout history. We hope to use their skills to help us improve as learners.

We will be using Art to create collages and drawings of superheroes. Inspiration from other great artists will help us develop our skills using different media.

In Design Technology we will be designing and making vehicles for our superheroes.

In Science, we will study materials, their properties and how they are used. This will involve making a superhero cape by investigating different materials to find which one is best.



Special Visits

We will also be looking at the different jobs in our community. If you are interested in coming to talk to our class about your job, please let us know!

English

In English this term, we will be focusing on narrative (writing stories.) Our key story will be Superworm. In the following weeks, we will be creating a new superhero for our story and writing our own version of Superworm.

Our reading will continue to be of importance this term, focusing on using our phonics to read key words and recognising the initial sounds in words.

Handwriting and presentation is a continued expectation from all children in class. We practise handwriting every day, focusing on our letter formation.



Spellings, Reading books and Homework

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and then the children will be tested the following Friday where new spellings will be given.

Homework will be focusing on Maths and English and will also be handed out on a Friday but will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday for marking.

Reading books are changed and reading records checked every day, but must be handed in every morning when children come into class. Children are expected to read four times a week in Year 2.

Children in Year 1 will get Dojo points for bringing in their reading records, homework and PE kits.

P.E Kits

PE will be on a **Monday and Friday**, so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. However, PE could take place at any time, so it's easier if your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday and leaves it in school all week to take home Friday for washing, ready for the following week.

Maths

This term we will be covering the following topics;

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Shapes
- Solids
- Shapes
- Patterns

Children will be learning times tables focusing on the 2s, 5s and 10s.



Maths Vocabulary

Add

Altogether

More

Less

Equal

Take away

Grouping

Groups of

Shape

Please help your child to learn the above vocabulary as it is essential they understand this.

Dates for your diary

- 7th January - Back to school
- 11th -14th February—Book Fair 3.15pm—4.00pm
- 14th February - Last day of Spring term 1
- 17th – 21st Half term break
- 24th February - Back to school
- 5th March—World Book Day
- 3rd April - Break up for Easter
- 20th April - Back to school

Please check newsletters/website for extra dates

We look forward to working with you and your child this half term.

Miss Park & Miss Hatton