

Topic Title: Heroes and Villains

This term the topic is **'Heroes and Villains!'** where our focus will be learning about right and wrong and the consequences of our actions. The children will be learning about the features of a traditional story e.g. characters, plot and setting.

Our children will discover the characteristics of a hero and how to solve their own problems as well as celebrating the many cultural and religious festivals that occur this spring, such as Chinese New year and Easter.

Maths

In Maths, as well as continuing to work on matching numerals to objects, we are starting to work on finding one more or one less than any given number.

We also focus on addition, subtraction and sharing in a practical manner as well as learning about capacity (full, empty and half full) and weight (lighter, heavier etc.) We will be learning how to describe 2D shapes and introducing 3D shapes.

English

The children are well on their way to becoming independent writers. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to write for different purposes (e.g. a shopping list, a caption for a drawing or construction model that they have made).

We will continue to support the children's phonetical knowledge as well as developing their love of reading. Please continue to read with your child each day and write a short comment in their reading diary to let us know how your child is doing. Please also ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day with their books inside.

Memorable Experience

In Reception we provide lots of play based memorable experiences. These experiences allow the children to demonstrate the key skills we have learnt over the week. We are particularly looking forward to the following events: Making gingerbread men, our superhero training day, the Teddy Bear's picnic and a visit to Godstone Farm.

Independence

We are so impressed with how well the children are learning and developing and we would now like to focus on developing the children's confidence and independence skills. This includes putting on our own coats, shoes, hats and gloves by themselves.

We would really appreciate it if you could support with this at home and encourage your child to do these things independently and be responsible for themselves and their things.

Examples including: Can they make their own cereal in the morning, pouring out the milk? Can they organise what they will wear? Can they pack and carry their book bag? Can they tidy up after themselves?

Home Learning

We really value the support you give your child at home. Please remember to check the weekly home learning on the blog for ideas to try at home which are linked to the book of the week.

Clothing

Please could you make sure that all of your child's clothes (especially coats and jumpers) are named so that they can be returned to the children quickly at the end of the day.

In this cold weather, please make sure that your child is dressed warmly (hat, gloves etc). We do spend lots of time outside and this is only possible if the children are dressed suitably.