

Reception

Spring Term 4

2015-2016

**Reading**

Reading books will be changed weekly according to House teams. We will visit the Library on **Fridays** so please ensure your child brings their library books on Fridays.

P.E.

PE kits (plimsolls/trainers included please!) need to be in school every Monday and will be sent home on Fridays. Our P.E. day is **Thursday**.

Show and Tell

Please encourage your child to bring in an item/photo/something special from home on their book change day to share with their friends during our daily **show and tell** sessions.

Homework

Please ensure your child's homework is completed and returned to school on **Wednesdays**.

Important dates

On Friday 11th March, the work created by children across the school for Ashmole Book Fortnight will be on display in the hall from 3:30 – 4pm. You are warmly invited to come and see it!

You are invited to...

Superhero race day at Kennington Park on the 23rd March. A letter with more information will follow shortly!

This term our learning will be based around the theme of

'Superheroes'

Children will learn about the following...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: The children will be talking about different emotions, such as happy, sad or lonely. They will talk about what makes them feel these emotions and how we can deal with them.

Physical Development: The children will learn about what happens to our bodies when we exercise. We will be looking at healthy foods and diets. In PE this term we will be focusing on balancing and co-ordination skills.

Communication and Language: The children will be encouraged to develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of focused activities about superheroes and other interests. They will be sharing items from home during show and tell to enhance their confidence when speaking front of the class.

Literacy: The children will continue to have daily phonics lessons, focusing particularly on single, double and triple letters and their sounds (for example ch, ai, and igh). They will be writing full sentences in a range of different contexts, including about superheroes.

Mathematics: The children will learn about 3D shapes, their properties and where they can be seen in the environment. The children will also be taking part in Superhero races, where they will learn about distance and time.

Understanding the World: The children will be learning about growing and changing. We will be observing chicks growing in an incubator and exploring how they grow and change over time. We will also be carrying out some simple observations such as ice melting to water.

Expressive Arts and Design: The children will engage in a range of role play experiences based around superheroes. They will also use a range of materials and techniques to create superhero masterpieces.

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Reading with your child as often as you can – encouraging children to sound out words and talk about tricky words
- Discuss the meaning of any new words they hear or read
- Talk about stories as you read them, asking questions like 'What do you think will happen next?'
- Talk to your child about what they have learned at school today and what they enjoyed
- Practise counting at home to 20, on and back. Ask your child to tell you one more/less than numbers to 20

**Thank you for your continued support during this busy term.
Ms Williams and the Reception class team**