

# KEY STAGE 1 SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and that you are all fully rested and raring to start the new term.

Thank you for all your lovely cards, messages and gifts – they were all gratefully received 😊

We had so much fun last term, with our performances, Christmas parties and lots of celebrations! If you haven't looked already- why not have a look at our blogs to see lots of photos taken from last term.



## New Year, new term, new topic!

This term our theme is **superheroes**. In topic time we will be finding out about real life heroes. Who is your hero and why?

In English we will be focusing on fictional superheroes. What adjectives could you use to describe your favourite superheroes?

If you have any superhero pictures/ comics/ books, please could these be sent in for our art lesson during the last week of term.



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a hero  
in our heart.**



## Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

We will be carrying out our screening check during the first couple of weeks in January to see how well our children are getting on. Following this check we will inform you how your child did and which sounds in particular they need a little practise with.

This will also be the case for any Year 2's that are aiming to pass in June.

### Special Events

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February will be our superhero dress up themed day. Your child can come dressed as a fictional superhero, their own superhero or maybe even a real life hero!

We will be spending time in each of the classes and investigating some super powers. If you could have a super power, what would it be?

### Lea Green- Year 2 Residential

Keep a look out for letters being sent during January. Information within the letter will include the full cost and the deposit required.

### Diary Dates

24<sup>th</sup> January- Whole school India day- details to be sent out shortly.

31<sup>st</sup> January Rabbit class worship.  
Parents welcome. 9:15am

8<sup>th</sup> February – Badger class worship.  
Parents welcome. 9:15am.

12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February- Parents evening

14<sup>th</sup> February- PTA school disco after school

16<sup>th</sup> KS1 Superhero dress up day

### Parent Helpers Wanted!

We currently have a few amazing parents that come in, hear readers, record book changes, stick work into books, help prepare resources for the children etc... They are wonderful people and we truly are grateful for their help. However, we always have room for more helpers! If you would like to help for an hour/ morning/ afternoon, please let your child's class teacher know.

### Reading Books

The children have become much more independent in changing their own books, which is really pleasing to see. If your child is finding it tricky, please help them by sending them in with the book and record in their hand when they enter school- this way it will not only act as a prompt to your child, but will also be really clear in our busy classrooms that your child would like his/ her book changed.

A couple of people have also asked if we hear the children read their home reading books- with such a tight, busy timetable filled with fun learning and high expectations there is not the time available for hearing children read their home reading books each week. However, we do hear all the children read in guided reading once a week and hear readers during Golden Time whenever possible. We also read lots in our English lessons and across the curriculum, for example last term we read lots about the Great Fire of London. Home reading books should be read as often as possible at home, with a clear written message in the record book when a new book is needed. Comprehension tips will be send home soon.

**Happy Reading!**

Book Club- why not come and select a book with your child on Tuesday straight after school? To find out what is happening, come along to the Rainbow Room at 3:30pm. A fun world of books waiting to be explored.

### End of Year Expectations

Please remember to take a look at the end of year expectation sheets given out at parents evening. Have you noticed your child achieving any of the criteria? What could you do at home/ in the family to help your child to reach their potential and to build on the hard work that they do in school?

If you have misplaced your child's sheets, don't worry, all expectations and exceeding criteria can be found on our school's website. If you are unsure where to look please ask your child's class teacher who would be happy to show you.

### Year 2 Spellings

Children in Year 2 will be taking their spelling books home for them to learn to spell the words given. Please note, that there will be no formal tests carried out each week. Instead the children will be expected to use these words correctly whenever they write.

This is also the case for **Year 1** children too.

Your help with learning to spell the words really does make a big difference to your child. We have noticed over time that those children who have lots of support make good progress in school.

### Change to the Year 1 Maths Overview

On our website you will find the overview for the year for both Year 1 and Year 2. This overview gives you an insight into the planned content for the themes throughout the year.

In Year 1, this term and next, we are going to be moving to the Maths Mastery programme and therefore will not be following the overview. The content over the year will be the same, however the way it is taught and when the topics will be taught will be different.

	Topic
Week 1	Place Value
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	Addition and Subtraction
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	Multiplication and Division

### Show and Tell

We love to hear all about the children's achievements, therefore if your child has an award, trophy or a medal please only send them in on Fridays when we will have the time to celebrate them.

Please only send topic related items in for sharing on a Friday- time in school is action packed!

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set every two weeks. Thank you to everyone who has remembered to stick their completed work into their homework books- lots of house points given out for the excellent work completed.

Children are doing great at remembering to hand in their books to be marked- well done!