

## Reception Spring Term Newsletter 2010



Happy New Year! Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting time for your children. This half term we have a new topic to study and more opportunities to develop their skills in all areas of learning.

Our topic this term is "Superheroes". On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January we will be having a Superhero Day, with teachers and children all dressing up as their favourite superhero for the day as well as making individual Superhero Identity Cards. Our planned exit point for this topic is a musical celebration of how of parents are real-life superheroes! In between, we will be asking the children what they want to know about Superheroes and researching to try and find some answers.

### Literacy

We will be continuing with our daily phonics sessions this half term, with children moving through Phase 3 of the Letters and Sounds scheme. Our weekly guided writing sessions will continue, with the children being encouraged to use their developing understanding of sounds to further develop their sentence writing skills. We are also putting an emphasis on the children being able to write their own names unaided and also on considering the correct way to form each letter. As well as being heard to read on a 1:1 basis each week, the children are also sharing books with a group in weekly guided reading sessions.

We will be reading a variety of superhero themed books focusing on alliteration, labelling and speech bubbles. We will be organising a trip to the Didsbury library, details of which will follow nearer the time.

### Numeracy

Our main focus this half term will be on securing children's number knowledge and using this knowledge to explore simple concepts of addition and subtraction before moving on to recording information in a written format. We will also be looking at positional language in Shape, Space and Measure and thinking about different ways to describe *where* an object is located.

### **Creative Development**

We will be introducing children to a range of exciting percussion instruments, encouraging them to explore how different sounds are produced by these instruments. Children will also have the opportunity to make superhero masks, hats, comics and "dolly peg heroes".

### **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

Children will be able to explore "Power Potions" and walkie-talkies as well as thinking about recycling and how this impacts on us and the environment. Using an ICT programme, children will have the opportunity to design their own superhero and costume.

### **Physical Development**

We are continuing our programme of structured dance activities and in the outside classroom we have an ongoing range of physical challenges.

### **Reminders**

If you have not yet done so, we would be grateful if you could you send this half term's snack money into school. The £6 (or £1 per week) you contribute helps fund the extra snacks, such as toast and crumpets that the children are offered on a daily basis. Now that winter is still with us, it is even more important that your child is sent to school with a warm, hooded coat every day. Please ensure that your child also has a pair of named wellingtons in school and a set of named, spare clothes to keep on their peg in case they get wet. All clothing needs to be named as it virtually impossible for us to trace any mislaid items otherwise. If you took your child's PE kit home to wash over Christmas please remember to return it as soon as possible; we will be restarting our dance sessions in the second week of term.

It is vital for your child to bring a book bag into school each day. This helps us make sure that letters from school, as well as any precious drawing or creation made by your child reaches you promptly. Please send in your child's reading book, Jolly Phonics book and Home and School book each day, so that we can update them as necessary.

**Here are a few important dates for your diaries:**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January:

Superhero Day. Children to dress up as their favourite superhero.

Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January:

Parental consultations; please sign up for a slot with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February:

My Parent is a Superhero Celebration. This will take place in the afternoon, times to be arranged.

Letters containing more details about these events will be sent out to you soon. Our next half termly newsletter will be available in late February. Weekly newsletters will continue to be available for you to access on the Beaver Road website. Paper copies of our weekly news can be found on the Reception notice board and are also displayed in each of the classrooms for you to read.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes.

The Reception Team