



# P.P.S. Oak Cass

April 2021  
Summer Term

## What is your superpower?

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter and a relaxing break. We have lots of exciting things planned for the Summer Term, as well as adding in other activities, which will arise based on the children's interests. During the last few weeks of the Spring Term, lots of children showed an interest in Superheroes, therefore we will be focusing our learning around this topic over the next few weeks.

### Literacy

We will be reading the story 'Nat Fantastic' by Giles Andreae, using our prediction skills to think about what might happen next and giving our reasons for these thoughts. We will then create our own ending to the story, thinking about how Nat might save the day on his next mission!

We will then be reading 'Juniper Jupiter' by Lizzie Stewart as we decide on the characteristics a good sidekick needs. We will take part in Superhero training, before making posters to recruit our own sidekicks!

### Maths

We will start the term by continuing to practise our addition skills, learning to count on from the first number or amount. This will enable us to add more efficiently, as well as being able to add higher numbers. We will then explore subtraction by singing various nursery rhymes and using Numicon, counters and objects to support our learning. During our self-initiated learning time, there will be many opportunities to build traps and hideouts for the

heroes and villains, thinking about the size these need to be and using vocabulary related to height and length.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using our superhero costumes to dress up and role play many different stories. We will be thinking about the characters we will need in our stories, as well as talking about whether they are heroes or villains. When making up our stories, we will explore a typical story structure with a beginning, middle and end, as well as making sure there are enough characters within the stories for all of our friends who would like to join in.

Below are a few activities that you might like to do with your child at home, however please feel free to bring in any other learning activities you have carried out with your child.

- Read a book from home or the library about superheroes. Talk about your favourite parts of the story and explain why this is.
- Use an old bed sheet or t-shirt to make your own superhero costume. What symbols will you have on your costume to identify the superhero that you are?
- Use your Numicon at home to practise your addition and subtraction skills.
- Make up your own superhero book by sticking paper together or using a computer. What will happen in your story at the beginning, middle and end?



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## **Tapestry**

We will continue to upload photos and observations of your child onto Tapestry regularly. Please continue to read these as they can form a great starting point for discussion with your child about their day. It is always great to see what your child has been doing at home, so please upload any learning experiences or interests that you have captured so that we can share these within the class and inspire your child's peers too!

## **Home Learning**

In addition to uploaded messages and photographs to Tapestry we are always keen for the children to share any learning that they have carried out at home. This could take many forms; for example a drawing, writing or number work. If your child would like to share their home learning, please bring it in so that we can put it on our home learning wall and celebrate it as a class.

## **General information**

Oak Class will continue to have weekly PE sessions, however these will now take place on a Friday afternoon. As the weather is warming up, please make sure your child has shorts in their PE kit as they often get too warm in trousers. If your child wears tights, please ensure there are a pair of socks in their PE kit too.

As we move into Summer, the children will be spending more time outside. Please provide a named sunhat, as well as applying sun cream in the morning before sending your child to school. Some sun creams provide all day protection and these are preferable, however we can help your child reapply sun cream at lunchtime if needed. Please ensure it is named.

## **Reading with your child at home**

It is essential that your child reads to you most days at home, in order to practise the skills that they have been learning in school. If you are unsure on skills to focus on at home, please find the updated sheet in the front of your child's reading record. We will be changing reading books twice a week, if your child reads often at home.

Please let us know when your child reads with you, and make a note of any successes or struggles they may have had. When your child reads at home and this is noted in their reading record, they will be awarded a house point in class.

We will continue to visit our school library on a Friday afternoon to change library books. These books are chosen by the children and can be enjoyed with all the family in order to develop a love of reading. You may also use these opportunities to point out tricky words, and digraphs that your child has been learning (these will be on your child's keyring). You may also like to discuss the characters in the story what has happened so far, and what your child thinks might happen next.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning journey. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Fogden or Miss Lenharth.