



Read All About It!



St Anne's Catholic Primary School **Reception** Newsletter: January Issue

Welcome back to school, we hope you are all rested and ready for the new term ahead. Although it's January we are in the Spring term and have begun our new topic of Superheroes! We are starting our new **Seesaw homework competition** for this half-term. Prizes will be given at the end of this half-term to a lucky child from each class. Please encourage homework, particularly reading and writing as much as possible. We will be saying goodbye for now to Mrs Bromley on Friday 13th January as she prepares for the arrival of her baby, but we would like to welcome back Mrs Feeny who will be teaching Scotland Class with help from Miss Harrison for this half-term.

Dates for your Diary:

Wed 11th Jan

PSO Hazel - visit to school - children to learn about the job of a police officer.

Thursday 26th Jan

Superhero Day - Children can dress as a superhero! What is their superpower? Create their own costume.

3rd Feb Number Day (details to follow on seesaw)

8th Feb Wales Class Trip to Safari Park 'Wild & Well' (details to follow)

10th Feb Scotland Class Trip to Safari Park 'Wild & Well' (details to follow)

Topic: Our new topic brings the children's attention to superhero's. But not just the fictional kind, the children will be considering lots of different types of people who help us all on a daily basis, police officers, doctors, cleaners etc. We will also be focusing on lots of different ways we can behave like superheroes in our everyday lives, i.e being kind, caring, helpful lots of which connect to our values as a school.

Our **RE** Topic this month is **Celebrating** and how we can celebrate with our Parish Family.

Maths: We are focusing on numbers to 8, learning about a number each week. We will also be tapping into time and talking about different events and routines of the day.

Literacy: Literacy Counts this half-term is 'Juniper Jupiter' she is a real-life superhero and the children will be developing their story language through this book.

Phonics: The children have now been taught all of Set 1 Read Write Inc sounds and can now blend sounds to make words. From term and for the rest of the year the children will be working in phonics groups to focus on their needs both as a reader and writer. We will be introducing digraphs, multiple letters that represent one sound, this term. For example 'a' and 'y' together represent the sound 'ay'. We will hold a **Parent and Child Phonic Workshop** (date to be confirmed) and have found from previous years that this substantially supports children's reading and writing ability and prepares parents for learning in Key Stage 1. From Monday your child will get a reading book that specifically matches their reading ability and they should be encouraged to read these books independently, with adult guidance. Please encourage your child to read all or part of the book **daily**, it's about quality not quantity, little and often is better than too much at once! We want your child to grow to love reading! If you have any issues relating to reading books please speak to one of the team. EYFS Team