

Topic Title: Heroes and Villains

This term, the topic is '**Heroes and Villains!**' where our focus will be learning about right and wrong and the consequences of our actions. The children will also be learning about the features of a traditional story (e.g., main characters, plot and setting).

Our children will discover what the characteristics of a hero are and how to solve their own problems as well as celebrating the many cultural and religious festivals that occur during the Spring Term (such as Lunar New year, Eid al-Fitr and Easter).

Maths

In Maths, we are continuing to develop a deep understanding of the ten system, rather than being able to memorise key procedures or resort to rote learning.

We will focus on subitising (seeing amounts without counting) and begin to recognise different amounts within numbers. We will ask children 'What do you notice?' Rather than 'How Many?'

We will also compare sets and use language of comparison: more than, fewer than, equal to and make unequal sets, equal.

Independence

We have been so impressed with how well the children are learning and developing. We will now focus on developing the children's confidence and independence skills. This includes expecting them to put on their coats, shoes, hats and gloves by themselves.

We would really appreciate it if you could support with this at home and encourage your child to do these things independently and be responsible for themselves and their things.

Examples include:

Can they make their own cereal in the morning, pouring out the milk?
Can they organise what they will wear?
Can they pack and carry their book bag?

English

The children are well on their way to becoming independent writers. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to write for different purposes (e.g. a shopping list, a caption for a drawing / construction that they have made).

We will continue to support the children's phonetical knowledge as well as developing their love of reading.

Please read with your child each day and write a short comment in their reading diary to let us know how your child is doing.

Please also ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day with their books inside.

Home Learning

We really value the support you give your child at home. Please remember to look at the weekly blog with your child to discuss their experiences at school and to find ideas to try at home which are linked to the book of the week.

Clothing

Please make sure that **all** of your child's clothes (especially coats and jumpers) are labelled with their name so that they can be returned to the children quickly at the end of the day.

In this cold weather, please make sure that your child is dressed warmly (hat, gloves etc). We do spend lots of time outside and it is only possible to do this if the children are dressed suitably.

Please provide spare clothes to leave at school in case your child gets wet.