



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring term 2! I hope you all had a lovely and restful half term. It is so lovely to have the children back in school and I look forward to another enjoyable term with them! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your encouragement and support last term. I am so proud of how hard Year One has been working and your support at home does not go unnoticed.

Just a few reminders:

- **Spelling test**- is every Thursday. Please can you practice the spellings with your child at home so they are prepared for their test.
- **PE** - Continues to be on a Friday. Please ensure your child is wearing their school PE kit so they can make the most of their PE time.
- **Homework** - This will be set on a Friday evening and should be returned by the following Wednesday so it can be marked and ready to hand out on the Friday again!

We are now looking at a new topic theme this term called 'Superheroes'. Overleaf is a copy of our 'Topic Web', detailing the learning areas that we will cover this term. The children will be learning about real superheroes such as nurses, doctors, vets, bin collectors, postal workers etc and their roles. They will have the opportunity to design their own superhero and write a character description about them. Year 1 will be learning about everyday materials in science. In the science unit, they will learn about different materials, their properties and how to sort them into different categories. They will get to explore the different materials in the classroom through many practical lessons. In textiles the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own superhero mask. In history, Year 1 will be learning about Florence Nightingale and why she is a significant person. The children will also have music lessons every Friday with Miss Loveridge which they thoroughly enjoy.

Reading regularly is still very important so children at school will be able to change their reading books each week. We like our children to read 5 times a week, between their Guided Reading sessions. Please continue to write their reads in their yellow reading records so Reading Points can still be awarded. The children will also have access to Bug Club, as they did in Reception, where your child can read a wide selection of books.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kate Mason
Year 1 Teacher