



Ashley Junior School

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8th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Spring Term in Robin Class, we hope it will be another busy, exciting and enjoyable term and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Our Topic is 'Superheroes' this term. Have a look at the Topic Web to give you some idea of the sorts of things we will be doing. It will encompass narrative writing, non-fiction writing and poetry. As always it is our mission to make the curriculum as engaging and inspiring as we can and we are hoping to visit a Fire Station to find out all about real life superheroes

Most of the children in the class are included into mainstream classes for at least one or two afternoons each week and it is during these times that the majority of their science, history and geography curriculum will be covered. Have a look on the school website to see the different year group topics and the curriculum content. The science that we will be covering in Robins is based around 'forces' and we will learn about magnets, air and water resistance, friction and gravity all through our Superheroes topic.

There will be lots of art activities linked to the topic including designing superhero masks and costumes and looking at the comic book drawing style.

The children all do PE and Music and some Computing with their mainstream buddies and this is on different days. All Robin class need to have their named PE kit in school every day so it is best to bring it on a Monday and then it can be sent home on a Friday as needed.

The children will all continue to bring their book bag home each day and it is important that this is returned **every day**. In the book bag you will find, as before, a reading book and a reading record where you can record your reading with your child. Please read daily with your child as it is so important that they develop these basic skills. The whole school participate in the 'Reading Raffle' scheme where those children who read regularly to an adult at home and record it in their Reading Record earn a raffle ticket. The raffle is drawn in assembly each week for the chance to win a book. There is also now the chance to be 'Star Reader' for the week and take home the class cuddly robin to read to. We will talk to the children about this in school. It is important to read and re-read texts until the vocabulary is really familiar. It is also important to talk about the story and the characters – what they are doing and how they might be feeling.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Harling Class Teacher and the RP Team