

Year 2 Spring Term 2022

What makes a hero?

Literacy

Reading will be taught through VIPERS which teaches children to understand texts at deeper levels and make inferences based on the text.

We also follow the storytelling approach where the children learn a familiar story and develop their writing skills based on this. This term our focus texts will be:

- Traction Man is Here
- Juniper Jupiter
- Usborne Famous Lives—Florence Nightingale

We will be writing our own narrative stories, creating comic strips, writing detailed instructions and writing persuasive letters and adverts.

Science

Our focus this term is applying our understanding of every day materials to create useful products for our Superhero Traction Man.

We will be learning about animals including humans (our bodies) and move on to learning about plants.

We will also be thinking about how to keep our bodies healthy, including the food we eat and exercising. We will be planning healthy meals for a hero, doing lots of exercising and thinking about hygiene.

Expressive Art and Design

Our focus style this term is pop art. We will be looking at the work of Andy Warhol to see the key features of pop artists. We will be creating our own superhero pop art using onomatopoeic words and using IT software to edit photos in a pop art style. We will finally create a superhero logo.

Music and Drama.

This term, we will be learning lots of songs relating to our topic and learning about a variety of instruments. We will have the opportunity to use a range of instruments to create music.

We will be acting out scenes from Traction Man, hot seating Traction Man and creating and filming our own adverts for a new toy.

RE and PSHE.

In RE this term, we will continue looking at Christianity and the Easter story. We will be comparing religions and their celebrations and traditions.

In our PSHE lessons, we will be focusing on valuing difference. We will look at what makes us special, and how to celebrate this. We will also be thinking about our bodies.

Design and Technology (DT)

Our topic will kickstart by us making superhero shields with our logo on. We will become toy designers this term, looking at toys in the past and present and designing a new toy to 'sell' to a big company. This will involve thinking about our favourite toys and how to persuade an audience. We will finally be making a pet scrubbing brush to look after. We will also taste, make and design healthy superhero smoothies!

Mathematics

This term we will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction. We will be using a variety of methods to add and subtract numbers including two, two-digit numbers.

We will then be moving onto measurement : money. Here, we will be recognising coins and notes, adding and making totals, making the same amount, comparing money and finding change.

After half term, we will be moving on to multiplication and division. This will start by making equal groups, sharing equally and making arrays.

Once we are confident with this, we will be learning the X symbol in number sentences, learning the 2, 5 and 10x tables and solving multiplication and division problems.

Throughout the term, we will also be looking at simple statistics including tally charts, pictograms and graphs.

History (Topic)

This term we are focusing on comparing heroes throughout time. We will be researching the life of Florence Nightingale and her significance to create fact files. We will use these skills to research local Cornish heroes and their impact.

We will be looking at fictional heroes throughout history and debating if someone is a hero/villain.

To link with our DT project, we will be comparing modern toys vs toys from the past and looking at changes throughout time.

Handwriting

Children will be focusing on forming letters correctly. We will be forming our letters of the correct size, height and relationship to one another. Lots of us will start to join correctly.