

Class Reception

The Bliss Charity School



Term 4



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 and half way through your child's first year at Bliss. We hope you had a relaxing break and the children are ready for another exciting term in Class Reception!

Our new topic 'Superheroes' has to be one of our favourites as it definitely 'hooks' the children's imaginations. We will have a 'Superhero Day' later in the term where the children will be able to come into school dressed as their favourite superhero. As with all topics, the children are encouraged to bring items into school linked to our topic and I am expecting a very full 'show and share' basket! We are going to also have a focus on 'real-life' superheroes later in the term, with the first few weeks using familiar superhero characters for the children's learning.

We will continue to use *Tapestry* to monitor and record your child's learning. It has been lovely to see some of you sharing your child's achievements and experiences from home using *Tapestry*.

Your children are very familiar with the routines now in Class Reception and they show their independence skills regularly. Please continue to support your child with their homework. If you have any queries about your child, their learning, including homework, please don't hesitate to contact me or see me before or after school to arrange a time to talk.

Mrs. Caller



Term 4 Topic: *Superheroes*



As always, our topic will be embedded within our classroom and, where possible and relevant, each area of the Early Years curriculum will be linked to this theme.

In Term 4, the pupils will be able create their own superhero and we will continue to develop the children's writing skills through superhero stories. Superheroes need to stay fit and healthy and we will use this to increase the children's knowledge of food groups and understand why we need to eat different foods. Each week, we will focus on a specific food group, looking at what superpowers it gives us. We will also be looking at 'real-life' superheroes, such as firefighters, nurses, vets and police and we will be asking the children about your jobs so be prepared to answer questions from your children!

In this topic, the children will have a number of challenges to complete with a mathematical theme, including addition, subtraction, doubling and halving. In addition to this, the children will be investigating a range of technology that may come in handy if their superhero powers fail them!

Helping your child at home ...

- Thank you for enabling your child to share their celebrations from outside of school by contributing to our 'Well Done' board. There is still lots of space so please send these in. This is a great opportunity for your child to proudly share something they have achieved at home. We never tire of the children sharing these with us and their peers.
- Please also continue sharing books with your child. We encourage the children to change these books during 'free choice' time each day.
- We have completed Set 1 phonic sounds and we are continuing to work through Set 2. We will still share this with you by linking these sounds with handwriting homework. Please support your child with this work and then send the completed work in as soon as possible.
- On a daily basis we look at our 'red' words from both the turtle and octopus sheets. Many children can read and write these now which is amazing for us to see. Please look at these with your child at home too.
- We also regularly investigate numerals to 10 and many children are able to identify and record these. Some children still find the 'teens' numerals tricky so please help your child by finding these at home and when out and about. We are focusing on identifying pairs of numbers that make 10.

If you have any queries regarding helping your child at home, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Class Reception information ...

- PE will continue to be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. We will be going outside regularly so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for colder conditions.
- Thursday is our outdoor classroom day so please send your child in clothing suitable for the outdoors. Long jeans, joggers or leggings are appropriate. The children do not need to come to school in uniform on this day.
- Due to the children's ages and development, if you feel the need to supply your child with spare underwear etc. please put this into your child's PE bag.
- If your child requires any medication, please give this to the office. Any asthma inhalers can be given to myself.
- Please remember to select and order your child's hot dinners.
- As your child turns 5 years old, daily milk is no longer free. If you would like your child to continue to have milk, please contact *Cool Milk* and arrange payment. Any queries regarding this please contact Mrs. Howard in the school office.
- Please keep us informed regarding any changes to the contact details for your child, including collection arrangements. This can either be done through the office or via the Class Reception staff.
- Any communication that we have for you will be put into your child's book bag. Likewise, if there is anything you have for us, please put it in the book bag as we check these on a daily basis.
- We model to the children regularly how to wash their hands properly. There are still a number of children that find this tricky. Please spend some time with your child to ensure they understand the importance of hand washing and the steps they need to follow to do this properly.
- As always, please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any queries.

Mrs. Caller