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Year 1 Topic Web – Autumn 1 – 2021 'Superheroes'





	What they will be covering in class	Supporting your child's learning at home.	
Engage	The children will begin their topic by looking at a wide variety of superheroes, from those in TV and films right through to those in real life. They will have many opportunities to talk about their favourite superhero and will be writing about why that superhero is their favourite. The children also practise using descriptive language by describing their favourite superhero, as well as practising to secure the basics of writing.	Spend time with your child researching different superheroes. Can you think of any exciting adventures that the superheroes could go on? What powers do they have? How do they help?	
	They will be taking part in Commando Jo's missions based around Steve Backshall.	Can you hum or sing along to your favourite superheroe programme?	
Develop	The children will take inspiration from different superheroes and will read a number of explanation texts about their favourites. After this, they will begin designing their own superhero by making up a name, costume, superpowers and talents. Following this, the children will label and caption their new superhero. They will talk about what the word 'hero' means and discuss the qualities of real-life heroes such as bravery, kindness, determination and generosity. The children will try to understand the role of real life superheroes such as fire fighters and police officers.	Could you create your own superhero theme for a hero you have created? Can you discuss with your child different super powers and what you might do with each power? What would you do if you were invisible? What would you do if you could see through buildings? Can you see if your child could become a 'Super Kid' at home?	
Innovate	Along with many other superhero themed books, the children will be reading the story 'Superkid'. Once they have internalized the story, they will be adapting the character to one of their own and re-writing the story using their own imagination.	Could they turn into a superhero and help with things around the house?	
Ξ	The children will also be looking at pictures of superheroes in different poses such as running, jumping and flying and imitating these poses.	It is essential that you support your child's learning by helping them to practise their weekly homework.	
Express	The children will prepare for and participate in a 'Superhero Day' with lots of quests and activities to complete.	Homework in Year 1 will consist of 1x Maths, x3 weekly reading sessions at home and a set of spellings to practise daily.	
	In addition, they will then write a story about evil 'Professor Slime' who tries to kidnap one of the	Testing of spellings will take place on a Monday.	
	teachers later on in the term. Which superhero will be called upon to help?	PE will take place on a Wednesday.	

	In Maths, the children will be focusing on place value to 10. They wil	I be focusi	ng on using numbers to 10. The children will be ordering and comparing
Maths	numbers to 10 and focusing on one more and one loss than a given number		
English	Over the course of this half term, the children will read, plan and write their own versions of two different writing genres. They will begin by learning about ots of different fictional and real-life superheroes, as well as reading lots of labels and captions. The children will then design their own superhero and write their own labels and captions all about their character. Next, they will read and learn the story 'Superkid' before planning and writing their own version of the story by changing the character and the title. Throughout these genres, they will be focussing on improving letter formation and handwriting, using basic punctuation and extending the sentences they write using conjunctions to add extra details. Throughout the term, the children are also undertaking daily phonics lessons where they will be revising sounds and learning new spelling patterns and rules.		
Science	In Science, the children will be learning all about their bodies and how to keep their bodies super! They will label external and internal body parts. The children will learn about their senses and investigate which part of the body is associated with each sense. They will also be learning about different kinds of animals including pets. The children will be sorting animals based on certain criteria and their species.		
History	The children will use a wide range of sources to learn about a number of real life superheroes. This will include Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.	PE	The children will be taking part in weekly PE sessions on Wednesday with their class teacher using the real PE scheme. They will also be taking part in Commando Jo's on a Friday. Please ensure they bring in their PE kit.
Art	The children will look at colour mixing this half term. They will learn which colours are primary colours and how these are mixed together to make other colours. The children will then look at how artists use colour within their artwork.	PSHE	The children will be learning about the difference between a fixed and a growth mindset. They will also learn about what it feels like to fail and how to overcome this. The children will learn about the effect that learning has on the brain.
ICT	This term's computing is titles 'My Onlife Life'. The children will learn about the importance of staying safe online and keeping their personal details private.	RE	Our first RE unit is 'What does it mean to belong?' They will be discussing the different groups, club and communities they belong to and how they show that they belong.
Music	The children will begin to explore 'rhythm and pulse' using songs from Charanga.		

