

# Class Newsletter

## Our Learning Journey the past week...

### Literacy

This week we read Eliot Midnight Superhero by Anne Cottringer.

First we explored the story plot and development breaking it into 5 main parts:

1. Beginning - how does the author introduce/describe the setting and main character?
2. Build up - what is a normal day like for Eliot the Superhero? The build up will usually be two or three different scenarios, leading up to the problem.
3. Problem - what happens to the character?
4. Resolution - how is the problem solved?
5. Ending - what changes were made and how did Eliot feel about it?

The children have enjoyed lots of drama and group work to really help them understand each part of the story. Please ask your child to re-tell you the story either verbally or in writing using the 5 areas above to help. The children moved onto writing their own version. I was very impressed with their imagination! Ask your child what their superhero is called and the problem they face in their story?

### Links in Learning

This Monday morning we were lucky enough to have a visit from two members of our community to show and talk about their older cars. The children were able to explore them by sitting in the cars, looking under the bonnet etc. We looked at some of the differences between older cars and cars today e.g seats, windows, wing mirrors etc. The children were very interested and asked lots of challenging questions, such as, would this car be able to drive on the sand?

### Maths

This week the children have been working on more calculations strategies to help them work out the answer to an addition problem e.g  $45 + 34$ . In order to get to the answer what steps need doing and in what order? e.g get a place value mat - this helps the children visually see the value of a two digit number 45 is 4 bundles of 10 straws and 5 ones. Make the first number with counting aids and the second number with counting aids then add them together. How can they check they know the answer is correct? Ask your child to show you this at home.



Red Group  
Show &  
Tell

Blue Group  
Show &  
Tell

What do we  
need?

Tuesday  
Swimming  
Kit

Friday  
Library Book

EVERY DAY  
Wellingtons

Friday  
9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Friday  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct

# Our Learning Focus over the NEXT week...

## Our learning focus for Writing:

The children will continue with the Superhero story, moving onto comic strips and re-drafting the whole story. We will also begin producing a non-fiction book about cars/ transport.

## Our learning focus for Maths:

We will be spending more time on number and calculating. Keep practising those SMIRF targets at home as they will really help with problem solving. Some children are finding it tricky to meet their target with just 3 seconds to say their answer.

## Our learning focus for Links in Learning:

Next Thursday we will be going to the library to get lots of books about transport. Please send back the library letter ASAP because the more library tickets we have the more books we can get out!

## On Monday

On Monday there will be a special event for the whole school and a puppet theatre will be coming into school to demonstrate skills. Each KS1 class will have a workshop all about puppets and traditional tales. This has been kindly funded by the HSA.

## HSA Soup Kitchen:

The HSA are holding a meeting on Thursday from 6pm at the School to finalise details for all involved. If you are able to help in any capacity, from baking cakes in advance to clearing tables on the day, please feel free to come along to the meeting or fill in your availability on the sign up sheet at the office. All help is very much appreciated.

## Save the Date

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October - individual and sibling photographs.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October - puppet theatre in school.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - children to visit Pickering library.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - HSA meeting 6pm at school, all welcome.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October - HSA soup kitchen in the school hall.