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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed our last project of Fabulous Food and the amazing stop animations the children put together and other pieces of work they brought home. I hope you have all had a wonderful half term break and are ready to kick off our new topic.

This term we are launching our new topic **Superheroes**. With our Big Question: **Do superheroes need a cape?**

In **Literacy** this term, we will be using the story of 'Traction Man is here' to help us create our own journey tale. In **Maths** we will be consolidating our understanding of place value and beginning to understand length, height, weight and volume.

Phonics will continue to be a daily lesson. Children should be coming home with books from their assessed phonics groups and all children are welcome to take appropriate coloured books from the library. I will be allocating time during the week for children to change their books, to ensure new books are coming home. But they are always welcome to swap their books, they just need to ask!

Reading records should be going home every day and **filled out** when you have the chance to read with your child. It has been useful for me to see what is written in reading records, so keep it up! Reading records will be collected once a week, if there is a problem with missing reading records please let me know.

For **homework** please continue to read with your child every evening and then record some comments in the record book. Here is a useful maths app that has been created by White Rose Maths, which is the scheme we follow at school. You can download it on your phone and be explored by you and your child.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

In **PE** we will be looking at superhero circuits. The children will be exploring this and then creating their own circuits for the end of term outcome. PE will be on a **Monday** afternoon and children still need to **come into school in their kits**. Depending on the weather, we will try to get outside for PE lessons so make sure your child is appropriately kitted out.

As a school, we are also looking to increase the time that children take part in physical activity. It is important for all children to be active and lead healthy lifestyles for their mental and physical well-being. To encourage this we are creating Fitness Friday! This means on a Friday children will come to school in their PE kits and take part in something active during the afternoon. The aim is for children to try a range of activities that they have not tried before or continue with ones that they love! We hope that everyone will enjoy something.

In **PHSE** we will be looking at 'Healthy Minds'. The children will be exploring being healthy, healthy choices, being clean and healthy, medicine safety and road safety.

The **Outcome** for this term will be on Monday 4th April. Our hope is for the children to share with you a superhero circuit that they have created. So make sure you have your active kits ready!

I hope this letter covers any queries about the new term, if not please email the office with any queries.

Thank you for your continued support and here's to another amazing term!

Miss Thomson and the Year 1 Team