Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! What a busy half term we have had. The children have loved learning all about superheroes; both fictional and everyday community superheroes. The children loved hearing fictional superhero stories such as Traction Man and Supertato. We were lucky to have a visit from our community police offices who told us all about their day to day jobs, uniform and equipment. After half term the firefighters from Newark Fire Station will be visiting us and sharing with us how they keep people safe in their local community.

After half term, our topic is ‘Into the Woods!’ We have e-mailed out the Spring 2 termly overview to both Early Years and Reception parents and have also sent the knowledge bank out to reception parents.

**PE** – After half term, PE will still be on a Monday afternoon so please send your child to school in their PE kit.

**Tapestry** – Please send us some photographs of anything exciting you will be getting up to over half term. The children love sharing their experiences with us and their peers.

**WOW petals-** Please continue to send us any achievements from home. We have lots of WOW petals ready to be filled in.

**Milk** – We are finding that some children are wanting to have milk during milk and fruit time but are not on our milk list. If you would like your child to have milk, please register on [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). You should receive an e-mail when you have to reactivate but it might be worth checking to see that your child is down to receive it. Children are eligible for free milk until they turn 5.

**RWI –** Thank you for your support in reading at home. We have been very impressed with how the children have progressed on the Read, Write, Inc scheme. Reading at home really does help and support your child’s ability to read. Thank you to those logging reading on the Boom Reader app – it is great to see how many children are reading at least four times a week at home. Next term we have a Gruffalo reading challenge for children to complete, alongside their book worm badge.

**Mystery Reader** – We would like to start ‘Mystery Reader’ in Class 1. On a Thursday afternoon at 2.50pm we would love it for parents/grandparents to volunteer themselves to come in and read their favourite story to the class. We won’t tell the children who is coming in, it will be a surprise, so try and keep it from your child! We are asking lots of our school community to take part too. The children love it and it will be great to see their faces when a family member arrives and they have no idea! If you are interested, please speak to Mrs.Sharphouse.

**Coat** – Please can you make sure that you send your child to school EVERYDAY with a coat. If you are sending them with hats, gloves or a scarf please make sure these are named.

**Teddy Bears Picnic** – We are hoping to hold a Teddy Bears Picnic towards the end of the half term. We will be in touch with you nearer the time with further information.

**Show and Tell** – We love to hear about your child’s news and see things that are special to them but we have a few rules regarding show and tell items. They must be related to the current topic, be something they have made or be related to somewhere they have visited. Please do not send toys in for show and tell. Items need to come to school and put in the show and tell box on a Monday or a Tuesday – we will look at them over the course of the week.

As always, if there is anything you are worried or concerned about, please do not hesitate to come and chat with one of us. After school is the best time to catch us, once all of the children have been safely collected.

We hope you all have a lovely half term.

With best wishes from Mrs.Sharphouse, Mrs,Baker, Mrs.Witham and Miss.Pykett.