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# Welcome to our Year I and 2 classes!

We hope that you were able to enjoy a restful summer holiday as life returns back to normal and restrictions are being lifted! We are so excited to have all our children back in school and are looking forward to the year ahead.

# English



This term, our key texts are 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and 'Firefighters' from the People Who Help Us series by Honor Head. We will also be finding out all about everyday superheroes. Not only are we going to write stories, but we will learning about writing non-fiction texts too.

# How You Can Help

There is a school expectation that all KSI children should read daily at home. Talk to them about what they are reading, ask them questions about the story, characters and plot. Perhaps they can they predict what will happen next?

Look at information texts with your child and look at the glossary and contents page to find out where you could locate more information. Our focus this term is on punctuation and how we can use it in our writing.

# Maths

In Maths this term we will learn about Number and Place Value, before moving on to calculation.

How You Can Help

Practise counting to 100 and beyond then back again! Please also practise counting on in ones, twos, fives and tens. How about starting counting on from numbers other than zero?

It would also be helpful to help your child practise the days of the week and months of the year in order, as well as being able to work out what the next day or day before is (e.g. What is the day after Thursday? What is the month called before June?)



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# Topic:

It's time to grab your capes for our new Superheroes topic. We are going to learn about famous people from the past who still influence our lives today.

# PE and Forest School

Clownfish – Tuesday (Forest School) and Friday (Indoor PE) Seahorses – Tuesday (Outdoor PE) and Thursday (Indoor PE) Sea Turtles – Tuesday (Outdoor PE) and Friday (Indoor PE)

All PE kit and uniform should be named so they can be returned easily if they get found. Further details of school uniform can be found on the school website: <u>https://ryeprimary.co.uk/school/Uniform</u>

All classes will take part in Forest School over the course of the year. Children will need to bring in a long-sleeved t.shirt and trousers, waterproofs and wellington boots. Again, these items should be named to avoid getting them lost.

# Home Learning

In Key Stage I, homework is set weekly. Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds tasks are set after school on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. You will have been sent the login details in your child's reading record book, but please ask their class teacher if you need them again! Any children who have been unable to complete their online homework tasks will be able to do their homework in the computer suite on a Friday lunchtime.

Spellings are also set on Fridays. They are posted on the class webpages, as well as on Class Dojo. The children write their spellings in a test the following Friday.



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# Water Bottles and snacks

A hydrated brain is essential to learning! Please ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle. All key-stage I children are offered a healthy snack each day. They can also bring in their own <u>healthy snack</u> to have in snack time. It is really helpful if water bottles and fruit-tubs are named so they can be returned if they get lost.

Due to severe nut-allergies, we are a nut-free school. Please ensure all snacks and lunch box items are nut-free, including chocolate spreads and biscuits such as cereal bars. We are extremely appreciative of your support in this.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. The easiest way to do so is by leaving a message with the office, or using the message facility on ClassDojo.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Leigh, Miss Brewster and Miss Birkby Sea Turtles', Clownfish and Seahorses' Teachers

Further information about our classes and learning, including timetables and home learning, can be found on our class webpages. https://www.ryeprimary.e-sussex.sch.uk/curriculum/classes



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# Superheroes





Let's put on our capes and discover our superpowers as we search for an answer to the question, 'What is a superhero?'

This half term, we'll describe our favourite superheroes, create fact files, read a range of comic books and write our own. Learning about real-life heroes from organisations such as the RNLI or Mountain Rescue and from the past, including Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Fry and David Livingstone, will allow us to appreciate human bravery. As part of this project, we'll explore our senses of smell, touch, taste, hearing and sight and investigate different foods. We'll also test our superpowers by climbing, running, jumping and moving to music. There'll be opportunities for us to create superhero works of art and to compose superhero soundtracks on digital instruments.

We'll have plenty to share at the end of our project. We'll design colourful posters to show how 'superkids' should behave around school and create an exciting, whole-class superhero performance.

ILP focus	PE
English	Comic strips, stories, fact files, labels and captions
PE	Superhero action movements, dance, agility and strength
Art & design	Drawing and 3-D modelling
Computing	Downloading photographs and images, e-safety, animation
D&T	Superfoods, mask-making
History	Historical heroes and heroines
Music	Creating digital superhero sounds
PSHE	Good and bad choices, keeping safe, positive behaviour, real-life superheroes
Science	Senses, healthy eating

#### Help your child prepare for their project

Superheroes are fantastic! Why don't you visit the 'Featured characters' page on the Marvel website and read about famous superheroes together? You could also work collaboratively to invent a superhero. Draw a picture, make a costume or write a story together featuring the new superhero. Alternatively, read a children's comic together. Talk about the characters and how they behave. Are any of them superheroes?



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#### Home learning ideas

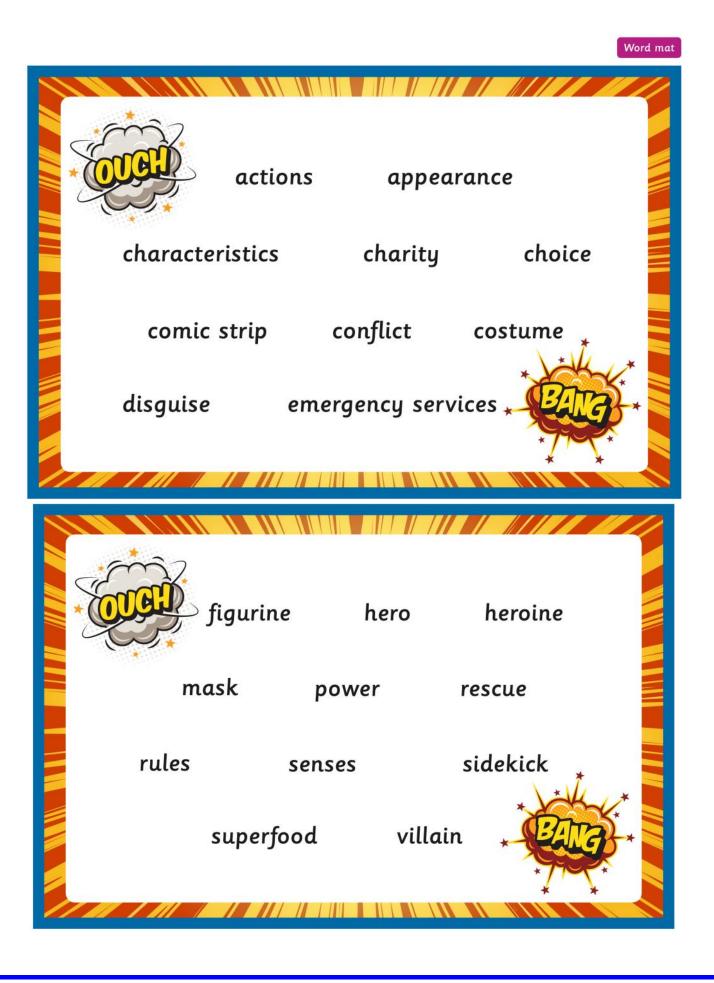


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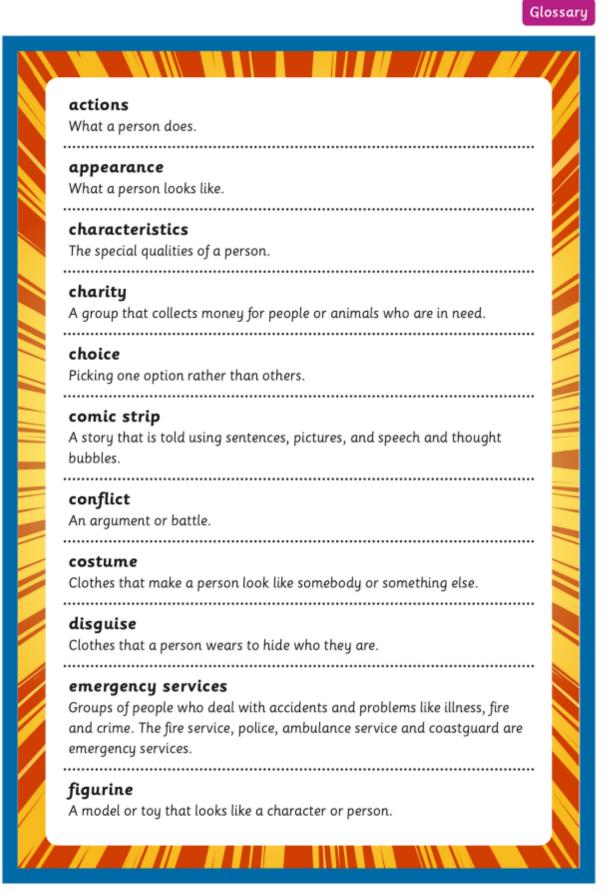




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# hero

A person who is admired because they are strong, brave or have other good qualities.

# heroine

A woman who is admired because she is strong, brave or has other good qualities.

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# mask

A covering that people put over their faces to hide who they are.

# power

A special ability or skill.

# rescue

To save a person or animal from danger.

# rules

Instructions that tell us how to behave well.

# senses

Our senses help us to touch, smell, hear, see or feel things in the world around us.

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# sidekick

A person who helps a superhero.

# superfood

A food that is very good for your health.

# villain

An evil character or person who hurts other people and causes problems.

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