



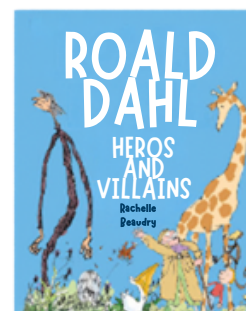
Dear Peacock families,
A very warm welcome to Peacock Class!



Our topic for the first term is 'What makes me Super?'. We will be reading a range of exciting books such as 'Super Duper You', 'Supertato' and 'Superpower Like Mine'. These texts will help us explore the things that make us unique, our skills, and to appreciate any similarities and differences we may have. We will also enjoy lots of play and stories surrounding superheroes and villains! Other texts and discussions throughout the term will support our understanding of where we live, who we are, and where we belong.

Within our first few weeks, we will focus largely on our transition, and getting to know our new class, classroom, and wider school. We will embark on a tour of our school and the grounds, and enjoy all of the different areas - this will relate to their transition text

When a Dragon Goes to School, which they will be familiar with from their nursery settings. Alongside this, we will be working on counting, number recognition, sizing and comparing. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds, following the scheme of Monster Phonics. We will be holding a reading meeting to discuss reading strategies and to share more information with you in the coming weeks.



Reading 	Your child will bring home a Monster Phonics book which will match their current reading level, and will be changed weekly. Please do share this book with your child as often as you can as this will give your child confidence and develop their fluency. It is essential that books are brought into school every day as these will be used during our reading sessions. At the beginning of your child's reading journey it is really helpful to encourage your child to use the pictures to tell stories or to spot initial sounds. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment on Boom Reader, but please acknowledge that the book has been read by commenting and putting the pages read in the comments section. Individual boom reader logins will be sent separately in children's book bags.
Maths 	We will be using White Rose Maths to help with our teaching of number and numerical pattern. We will also use Cbeebies Numberblocks which helps to bring numbers to life in an engaging and meaningful way. I am a big advocate for using manipulatives and bringing our learning to life in tangible and active ways. Each week, we will also focus on a specific number, beginning with '1'. This will help children explore number composition and develop a deep understanding of each number's value. Other Maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach.
Monster Phonics 	Each week, an outline of the focus sounds and words will be shared with you in the weekly newsletter. It would be useful to support the children in identifying any sounds and tricky words when reading with them at home. If you need support in knowing the letter sounds, please use the support recommended below. For phonics guidance, please use this link https://monsterphonics.com/phonics-support-for-parents/ to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way. In addition, refer to the Monster Phonics 'pronunciation guidance' in their reading folders in September for extra guidance.

Quick reminders:

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their book bag each day.
- Due to the unpredictable British weather please can you ensure your child has a pair of named wellies and waterproof trousers (or waterproof overalls), alongside a named coat in school at all times.
- Our first Forest school session will be on Wednesday the 14th of October.
- Our regular PE days are Thursday and Friday and children will arrive at school in their PE kit and trainers.
- Please can your child have a bag filled with a spare change of clothes that can be kept at school.
- Please label any additional belongings, such as hats, scarves and gloves.



Useful links:

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school. If you would like to support your child's learning at home below are some useful links and games.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> : Phonics games and activities

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> : Early Years maths and phonics games

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> : Number Blocks clips

We hope you all have a wonderful first term supporting your child in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support, it is going to be an amazing year!

Miss Deane

