



## Year One Newsletter

Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed your Christmas holiday. We're ready for an exciting new term ahead with lots of fun things happening! This week we had lots of superheroes with super powers coming back to school. They had a great day and are super excited to be getting stuck in to their new topic.

### Meet the Team

#### Orange Class:

Miss Best & Mrs Burnham  
(Class Teachers)  
Ms White  
Miss Washington  
(Teaching Assistants)

#### Silver Class:

Miss Lowe  
(Class Teacher)  
Mrs Rea & Mrs Blockley  
(Teaching Assistants)

#### Purple Class:

Mrs Pennell  
(Class Teacher)  
Miss Barrett  
(Teaching Assistant)

### What are we learning?

Children will be rescuing the planet from evil villains during our theme this half term 'SUPERHEROES'!



We'll be finding out all about children's favourite superheroes and what their super powers are! Is it Spider-Man? Wonder Woman? Maybe these heroes are ordinary people who've achieved great things. Or is it those people who save lives in our emergency services that you admire most?

We will be starting with one of our favourite books in Year One - 'Traction Man!' We will be finding out who Traction Man is and all of the adventures he will take us on. We're going to be working hard in Literacy to look at the features of narrative and what makes a story. We will be writing descriptive sentences to create fact files, using labels and captions.

Our Numeracy work in Year One will be consolidating all of last term's work, and progressing from these skills too. We will be working hard on counting, number bonds, addition and subtraction, place value and time this half term.

In our topic work, children will be learning all about superheroes having super senses and how children can use their senses to identify mystery items by smell, taste, sound and touch. We will find out what true superheroes eat to keep their senses and special powers sharp!

If the children have any books, special objects, figures or pictures, they can bring these into school to form part of a class superhero display in the classroom.

This half term is Year One's turn to put on a show- we're very excited! Our play this year will be Jack and the Beanstalk. Please see the dates below to find out the date your child's class will be performing.

## Important Information

**Reading Books** - Please continue to support your child with their online bug club books at home. This is making a real difference to the children's learning in class. The children will be allocated books on a regular basis by their teachers. Don't forget to make a note of any bug club reading your child does at home, to help them achieve their rewards in school.

The children will continue to bring home a 'choosing reading book', which is also colour banded and matched to the child's reading level.

**Homework / Spellings** - New spellings, diagraphs in phonics books and new homework in scrapbooks will be sent home. We ask that you continue to practise the diagraphs that the children already have in their books, and have a look at any previous spellings. We'll be revising these in class in the next few weeks too.

A massive thank you for your continued support with home learning, it really does make a huge difference!

**PE** - PE in Year 1 will take place on the following days:

### Monday - Indoor PE

Please ensure your child has suitable PE Kit for indoor PE that has all items named.

### Friday - Outdoor PE

Your child will need suitable top, jogging bottoms and trainers

Please make sure your child is not wearing earrings on these days. Details of correct PE kit are available on the school website.

**Swimming** - There are 2 more swimming sessions this half term. Children will need to bring their swimming kit on the following dates:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January (Fun session - children can bring inflatables)

**Packed Lunches** - Signhills Infants have a Healthy Schools Status and ask parents to provide a healthy and balanced lunch in keeping with that approach.

### Diary Dates:

- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 1 showing certificates or trophies in Celebration Assembly (9.00 - 9.30 approximately)
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 1 showing certificates or trophies in Celebration Assembly (9.00 - 9.30 approximately)
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Orange Class Performance at 9.15am
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Silver Class Performance at 9.15am
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Purple Class Performance at 9.15am
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** - Children break up for half term
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - Children return to school

Thank you parents for all of your support!

The Year 1 team