



# Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025/26



"LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS"  
(JOHN 10:10)

## Reception - Oak

Miss Jukes & Mrs Khan



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we settle into our new school environment, we will be getting to know each other's names and building confidence when speaking to others and in front of the class. The children will be introduced to our school expectations and behaviour policy and will be positively praised as they follow these. Staff will encourage and support children to seek out adults whenever they need help or reassurance.



### Physical Development

We will be taking part in a variety of activities to support the development of gross motor skills. Children will also be encouraged to build independence by putting on their own coats and using cutlery during mealtimes. In lessons, we will focus on promoting good posture while sitting to support concentration and physical wellbeing.

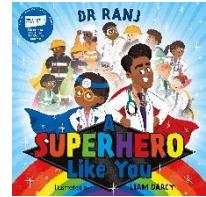
Our topic this half term is:

### Super me, Super you!



### English and Phonics

This half term, we will be reading '*A Superhero Like You*' by Dr Ranj. In Phonics, we will begin learning our Phase 2 phonemes, along with tricky and high-frequency words to support early reading and writing. Please refer to your child's homework sheet for a full list of these words. We will also be holding a Phonics Workshop (more information to follow) where you can find out more about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home.



### Communication and Language

During our first half term, we will be practising our listening skills by following instructions and engaging with stories. We will also be learning new vocabulary related to our topic, including different occupations within the community.



### Understanding the world

We will be observing seasonal changes by looking closely at the weather and natural objects around us. As part of our topic work, we will compare ourselves to our friends, celebrating both similarities and differences. Through role play, we'll explore the everyday superheroes in our community and learn about the many ways people help us. We will also begin using simple maps to identify where we live.



### RE

In our RE lessons, we will be reflecting on our school vision, 'All Different, All Equal', and exploring why God is important to Christians. This will help the children begin to understand and respect different beliefs and values.

### Reading & Homework

This half term, we will begin sending home reading books and reading records. To start with, your child may receive a picture book. Please take time to talk about the images together, support your child's vocabulary, and explore the story through imagination and discussion. We ask that you read with your child every night and log this in their reading record. Reading books and records should stay in your child's school bag every day so we can read with them in school as well. Each child will be assigned a reading day, during which they will read with a teacher and change their book. You will also receive a homework sheet every half term, containing a range of topic-related activities to support learning at home.



### Maths

This half term, we will begin exploring the *Numberblocks* programme. We will focus on numbers 1 to 4, developing a deep understanding of their value. The children will also begin to build early maths skills, including number bonds, addition, subtraction, and subitising.



### Information & Key Dates

No jewellery should be worn in school.

Please bring a **clear, named** water bottle to school every day.

PE Day – Wednesday. Please come to school wearing your PE kit.

Please make sure you have activated your ClassDojo account where photos can be shared from school and you can also share photos and videos from home. If you have any questions, please ask.

Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church – Thursday 23rd October 2:00pm.

### Expressive Arts & Design

We will be creating self-portraits using a variety of media, including paint, collage materials, and pastels. The children's artwork will be proudly displayed in our Reception art gallery for everyone to enjoy.

