

This half term's theme is "Heroes!" - People who help us.

Children in Reception will be learning about people who help us in our community and having fun exploring adventures with heroes in stories.

Here are some of the activities we will be enjoying and key questions to aid understanding.

### Understanding the world



We will be exploring maps! What information does it give us? What is it like where we live?

Moving from Autumn into Winter—what changes can we see? How does it make you feel?

Can we talk about our family and community? Let's explore who helps us! We have lots of people around us, who help with different things. Our local heroes can help us cross the road safely, can look after your pet or help people feel better. Who is your local hero?

### Mathematics



We will investigate numbers and shapes in our world around us.

We will be having fun with creating 2D and 3D shaped rockets and role-playing with counting down to blast off. We will explore the number of passengers on the bus. There are only ten seats, how many more passengers can come on? Let's explore weight! Can you use the scales to see which side weighs more or less? Can we make the scales balance? Would two number three numicon shapes weigh the same as the number ten? Why not? Let's investigate!

### Communication and Language



We will be developing our listening skills and finding confidence in our own voice to express ourselves.

We can learn so much about people around us in our community. Let's share how we celebrate throughout the year—do we have the same gatherings as our friends? We can celebrate our different traditions.

We will be learning new vocabulary throughout our class story and topic. Can we practise it during our exploring time?

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### Literacy



We will be exploring new books and developing our listening and imagination skills.

With the adventures planned with Mouse and Bear, let's think about more they can have! We can write a whole class story, using the story map we have created with the book. Then we can make changes...where else can they go? What transport can they use? Who can help them?

We will be developing our reading skills, using our phonics to decode words. Can we read a short sentence and find the correct picture to match?

### Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be thinking about how we can look after ourselves. People have jobs looking after others also, how do people help others?

Can we explore the relationship between the characters in our class story? What is great about how the support each other? How can we behave towards people around us?

How are you feeling? Let's explore what can happen to our feelings. Can we use more words to describe our thoughts and feelings?



### Expressive Art and Design

We will be designing our own superheroes and creating a superhero den!

Can we create a space scene for our role-play area? We can use different techniques to create a starry galaxy? How do you think we can create the planets? Let's design our own rockets! How will we get to the moon? Do we need a map?

Can we learn new songs for our Winter concert? We can add signing for the movement.

### Physical Development



We will be exploring and experimenting with physical challenges using our gross motor skills and using different tools to develop our small motor skills.

Let's develop our core muscles with different activities! Within our daily exercises, let's focus on balancing with different parts of our body. Can you use one hand and one foot to hold a shape?

We have been developing our writing skills, let's see if we can create more labels throughout our creative and literacy work. We can use the letter formation guides to form lowercase letters.