

Maths

In LAN, we believe that everyone is a mathematician, and this half term we will be developing our mathematical skills through a range of engaging and meaningful experiences. We will be focusing on recognising numbers, subitising (seeing amounts without counting), and exploring the composition of numbers. We will continue to consolidate our number knowledge within 10, building confidently on our understanding of numbers to 5 as this becomes more secure. Alongside this, children will have lots of opportunities to explore mathematics through purposeful play.

Communication and Language

As well as working on our speech and language targets, we will also be trying hard to learn a range of new vocabulary. The vocabulary will be linked to the stories we share in class. We have started the half term off learning about superheroes. Can you use this word at home? Maybe you can tell a family member why they are a superhero? We will also be continuing to focus on questioning, both asking and answering them.

Key Dates:

Future Career Day - 22nd January
Resilience Workshop for parents- 21st January
Windsor Adventure Playground - 5th February
NSPCC Number Day - 6th February
Family Consultations - 11th February

Literacy

Did you know... we are all real superheroes in the LAN Centre! This half term, we will be learning all about how fabulous we all are. Our three special books are *Supertato*, *There's a Superhero in Your Book*, and *A Great Big Cuddle*, poems by Michael Rosen. Through these stories, we will explore our strengths, celebrate our differences, and think about what makes each of us a superhero. We will be celebrating all the children in the LAN Centre and the unique qualities that make us heroes. In phonics, we will continue to work through our Little Wandle programme, developing our early reading and sound knowledge.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

In PSHE, we will be learning about our dreams and goals, linking closely with the stories we are sharing about being real superheroes. We will be encouraging children to try new things and develop confidence in their abilities. We know that trying something new can feel tricky, but we also know that this is how we learn, grow, and become more confident. We will also be focusing on turn-taking and sharing key skills. Maybe you can try playing some turn taking games at home?



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Expressive Art and Design

We love telling stories and taking on different characters in our role play area. This half term, we will continue to develop these skills by extending storylines and deepening our imaginative play. Alongside role play, we will be working collaboratively to develop our drawing and mark-making skills through a range of creative activities. We will also explore a variety of musical instruments and use them to accompany our singing. In art, we will be learning all about primary colours and shape, helping us to express our ideas creatively.

Understanding the World

This half term, we will be learning about the seasonal changes and exploring the natural world around us. We will encourage children to use all of their senses to notice what they can see, hear, feel, and smell in their environment. Alongside this, our focus on real-life superheroes will help children to learn about the different jobs people do and the important roles they play in our community. We will also talk about families and the people who help to look after us, supporting children to recognise and celebrate their own families and communities as their everyday superheroes.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills each day through a wide range of activities designed to support strength, control, and coordination. These will include painting on large easels, using chunky chalks to draw and write on the playground floor, climbing on apparatus, as well as threading beads and cutting with scissors.

We will also continue with our PE lessons, where children will learn to listen carefully to instructions and develop their physical skills, with a particular focus on manipulation and coordination this half term. Balance and coordination will also be key areas of development. You can help develop fine and gross motor skills at home too. *Will you draw a picture, help with the gardening, or even hang out the washing? It all counts!*