

# Foundation Stage News

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## Our learning this week:



This is certainly true of your little ones this Week as they have kept their happy smiles and enthusiasm for learning through the hot weather!

We have had a brilliant time exploring the theme of Superheroes and the children have really honed their Supertato and Evil Pea character voices as they joined in with the story! Moa haa haaaa haaaaaa!



The children have been really excited to create their own super-vegetable heroes and used the collage materials brilliantly to create features such as shields and capes! If your little one hasn't brought their creation home yet it may be having an adventure in our fridge, so please watch this space!





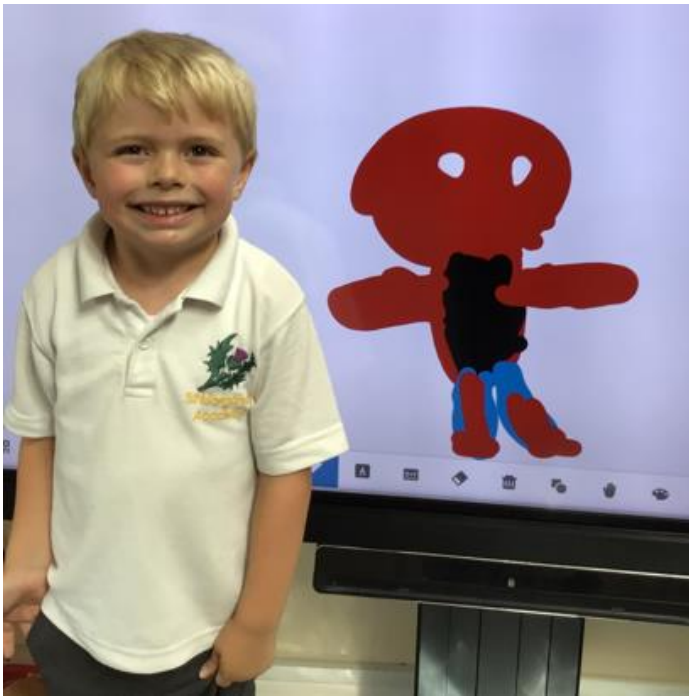
# Super costumes!



The children have gained some super-scissor powers this week as they learned the steps needed to safely cut a hole out of the centre of a piece of paper.







There were Superheroes everywhere this week, even on the Big Board!

"It's my superhero. I left his eyes white in a circle 'cos he's got white eyes the same."



Our 2D shape learning last week came in very handy when costume making:

"I needed a star for my shield but there wasn't one in the box so I cut a square in half. Two triangles can make a star did you know!"

## A little superhero Philosophy:

The children put themselves into the shoes (or capel!) of a Superhero as they debated the do's and don't of Superhero behaviour. After reading each caption they used their philosophical skills to decide if it was a 'do' or a 'don't'. We encouraged them to use the stem sentence "I think..." and to extend their idea with "because". The children learned that sometimes people have different ideas and thoughts and that this is ok. Here are some of their responses:

### Superheroes can fight.

"I think they don't fight each other because they are friends."

"I think they do fight the baddies though."

### Superheroes eat fruit.

"I think they only can eat fruit because it makes their muscles strong."

"I think they can eat jelly because it can have fruit in it."

### Superheroes go to bed.

"I think yes because then they can grow their brain."

"I think they not sleep because they need to rescue people."

### Superheroes break toys.

"I think Superheroes don't because it's too mean. Only villains do that."

"I think maybe if it's an accident."





# Exploring the Big School:

The children went on an exciting adventure to explore the Big School. We wanted to find out more about all the different areas in the school and what children can do there. This is helping us to be ready for our exciting move to Year One in September.



Off we go!

Tip-toe past the office...shh, Mrs Newman is on the telephone!



Where are we now? Let's check the map!



Our beautiful library...we LOVE books!



We found the Magic Bucket in the Speech and Language room!



We were so excited to find our new Year One classrooms and garden...lots of great new places to explore but very similar to Reception!



After a quick visit to see the chickens in the orchard it was back to Reception.



We think the Top Playground looks like a super space for running, cycling, ball games and much more fun!



# Mapping the Big School:

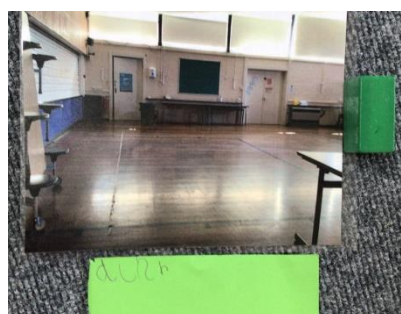
After their adventure exploring the Big School, the children returned to Reception to record what they had seen and found. Your wonderful little Geographers set about constructing a 3D map of the school grounds using their small world resources. As they worked, they were naming and describing the features of the different places. It was also a lovely opportunity for them to express their feelings about their move to Year One...whilst there were one or two butterflies in their tummies, there was certainly lots of excitement too!



This activity required teamwork and collaboration. It was lovely to see the children confidently working together, sharing ideas and learning to give and take as they created their map.



There are beautiful coloured glass panels in the Year One garden...the children found just the object to represent this in the Architects Area.



The children are learning the name of their new stage in school 'Key Stage One'. They found a wooden number one to use in their model!





“The playground is such a big area!”

“The fence is there to keep us safe.”

“There are trees too so we can get shade.”

There was much to see in the orchard. The children found vegetable beds, trees, a greenhouse and best of all, the chickens! Can you see our little farm-set chickens sleeping in their pen?



The finished piece! What an amazing 3D map of our school!





# Orchard school with Mr Thomas:

We certainly do believe not all superheroes wear capes...Mr T wears glasses! No time to put his feet up after retiring from school Mr Thomas has returned as a volunteer to give your little ones some super learning experiences in the Orchard with Mrs S. This week they went exploring to find some leaves to decorate.



The children discovered that the leaves on the ground were mostly “brown” “crunchy” and “delicate” and were not so easy to decorate as they “crumbled”. The leaves on the trees and plants were “green” “soft” and “fresh” as they were still growing.



Mr Thomas and Mrs S explained the rules for keeping super-safe in the orchard. The children were stars at listening and being responsible in their actions...what amazing Think-a-docuses!



# Our Reception Stars:



This week our stars were:

**Emerson** – For writing a wonderful superhero tale using great story phrases...what wonderful aspiration you have Emerson...as you wrote in your story, "Mission accomplished!"

**Esme Q** – We are so proud of you for how you have grown in confidence to use your words. It is such a joy having a conversation with you, what a Try-a-tops you are!

## A very big THANKYOU!



Thank you to all our Reception families, current and new, for joining us on the field last Tuesday for our Early Years picnic. Blue-tongues, rosy cheeks and grass all over their backs – we know everyone had a fab time and it was such a lovely way for our new children to get to know our school.

A really big thank you to our wonderful PTA (superheroes too!) who organised the ice cream van and provided the new children with a little welcome gift.



## Feeling hot hot hot!

As you are no doubt aware next week is looking to be a real scorcher with a Met Office 'Red Weather Warning' in place for extreme heat. To help your child stay cool they are welcome to come to school on Monday and Tuesday wearing their own home clothes (loose fitting and light coloured). As always, please ensure your child brings a hat, plenty of water and sun-cream to keep them super-safe.

**Wishing you all a happy, sunny weekend ....**

we are trying not to think about next week as being our last with your amazing children

