

**Barn Owls**  
**Autumn Term newsletter**

Welcome back everyone! We have had a fantastic start to the new school year and all of the children have all settled in very well.

Year 2 is a step up from year 1, however the children have all showed me how resilient and hardworking they can be already!

**Our first topic - Superheroes!**

This half term we will spend some time learning about superpowers and superheroes. Our class book will be Supertato!

**Writing**

We will be news reporters and report on a scene from the book Supertato! This will involve covering important objectives this term, focusing on writing about real events, recording these simply and clearly.

We will be following the Talk for Writing approach in our writing, as the children did last year, using symbols, actions and drama.

**Reading**

This week we started our guided reading story called Samuel Squeaks' Diary. We read as a whole class and then we answer questions about the text to deepen our understanding. We use different skills for each guided reading session and develop these skills daily.

Groups of children will also be heard read to further focus on these reading skills.

It is really important that children read at home. I will send home important questions you can ask when you hear your child read, which will develop their reading comprehension. I will send individual books

home this week, Barn Owls can change their book on Monday and Friday.

**Spelling**

I have included in your home pack 'common exception' word lists which are the words your child needs to learn by the end of year 2. By learning these words it will support our writing and reading.

**Maths**

Our first unit of learning in maths is counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 100. We learn the objective as a class and then we apply our skills independently in workbooks and challenges. We will also be applying this learning in problem solving and investigative contexts.

**PE**

We will have dance with Miss Sutherland on a Wednesday and gymnastics with Mark on a Thursday. Children will need PE pumps, black shorts and a white or red PE t-shirt in school.

**Homework**

Homework is half termly and includes some key tasks we suggest **must** be done with your child as they support them in their learning and development.

Also on the sheet will be a range of different activities linked to our topic and **these are optional**. Please feel free to do as many or a few as you like.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to call in or ring. If you need a longer chat, after school is always better, you can make an appointment with myself or Mrs Shaw in the office.

Kind Regards  
Miss Denison