



## Skipper Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had a lovely summer break. The children have settled into Skipper class quickly and are adjusting well with the transition from early years into key stage one.

### Topics and learning

Our current topic is 'superheroes.' We will be learning about the lives of heroic individuals including Rosa Parks, William Wilberforce and Florence Nightingale. We will reflect on the lasting legacy that these individuals have made. To see your child's learning in action have a look at our blog page <https://3lxyear1.wordpress.com>. On a Friday, a home learning task will go on the class blog. This will usually be an active task to reinforce and consolidate learning, often involving discussion and practical challenges, designed to be easily carried out within your home environment.

### Phonics and reading

We will continue to progress with our phonics learning, as well as revisiting the phonemes (smallest units of sound) and graphemes (phonemes when written down) taught in reception. Below are some websites you may find useful in order to support your child with this element of Year 1 learning:

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com> - for information about each of the phases.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm> - this website has a range of free games for each phase.

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com> - a free game to support your child with their reading.

The children will bring home a reading book to share with you and it would be great if you could write a comment in their blue reading record. All children will read with adults in school on an individual basis at least weekly.

### Be prepared!

The children will enjoy a wide range of fun and exciting learning opportunities, both indoors and outdoors. As the weather changes, please ensure your child has a named waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, and wellington boots in school ready to continue enjoying our range of outdoor learning areas each day. We will also have two sessions of PE weekly, so please check your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. We encourage children to be independent when changing, so clearly named clothes are vital to help this go as smoothly as possible. Thanks for your help and understanding!

### Harvest assembly

We would like to invite you to join us on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9am** for a short harvest assembly to share a little of our learning with you. Please do not attend if you have COVID symptoms and please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others. The children will sing a song and share some learning, for no more than 10 minutes, in individual classes. We will be limited on space, so please no more than two parents/carers per child.

### Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on my school email address [l.north@3lxschool.com](mailto:l.north@3lxschool.com). To report school absences, please telephone the school office on 01202 822460 or via email: [office@3lxschool.com](mailto:office@3lxschool.com). Please access the school website for up to date details of school events. Log onto [www.3lxschool.com](http://www.3lxschool.com) and click on the calendar.

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