

## Literacy

In phonics this half term the children will be consolidating their knowledge of phase 2 graphemes and begin to focus on phase 3, which is largely made up of digraphs. The programme Phonics Bug will be used to deliver the sessions, which is a fun interactive programme. We will also have a daily 'dough disco' to improve our fine motor control and pencil grip and weekly 'Squiggle Whilst you wiggle' activities developing both our gross and fine motor skills

In addition to this the children will be focusing on the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' and recreate their own story as well as non-fiction texts about Space and Heroes

## PE

On Wednesdays the children will take part in a variety of sports activities led by Mrs Byrne.

All children need PE kits for these sessions. They will tend to be indoors so only shorts and t-shirts will be required.

As the winter weather begins to arrive children will need waterproofs and wellies so that we can continue to explore the outdoor classroom

## Acorns

### Heroes

## Topic

The main focus of our topic work will be based around both real life heroes and superheroes. The children will also learn about Space during their superhero work and where possible hear from 'Real Life' heroes such as the emergency services.

## Special Days

- Monday - Library Books  
- Reading Books
- Wednesday - Sports  
- Reading books  
- Drop Everything and Read
- Friday - Learning Logs  
- Golden Time

On Wednesday's children can bring in a book to share with an older child during D.E.A.R

For Golden Time children can bring in a toy from home that they would like to share with the class.

## Mathematics

In Maths this half term, the children will be focusing on money, addition and subtraction, estimation, number patterns, time and shape

There are lots of fun and interactive ways of supporting this at home such as finding things around the home or when out and about. If you would like some additional maths tasks to do with your child at home we have a variety of Maths Challenge Cards in school that you can choose from and take home with you.

## Homework

Reading- The children will bring home a variety of books to match the phonics they have been taught in that week or previous weeks. Books are changed on a Monday and Wednesday if they have read the book at home. If you require the book to be changed on a different day please let us know. Books will also be allocated on their Active Learn Account. The children will bring home a weekly homework challenge in their learning log. This will be linked to the topic work and will be a variety of tasks covering all areas of learning. This will be set on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday.