

Dear Parents / Carers,

The table below gives you information about the theme your child will be learning about for this term, each class can take a different approach to this topic, to be more specific for the group of children, your child is with. If you feel you can help us in anyway please get in touch!

<h2 style="text-align: center;">HELPERS AND HEROES</h2>			
Curriculum Subject Focus	History	Art 2D	Music
Spring Term 2025			
Happy Centred Schools Driver: Spring 1 - Achievement & Success, Spring 2 – Support			
<p>The Helpers and Heroes theme is designed to develop pupils' life-long learning knowledge and skills through Music, History, and Art. Pupils will explore heroes from the past and present, as well as people and organisations who help others, and represent these ideas through 2D artwork. Music will support the theme through the exploration of adding movement, body percussion and dynamic shapes linked to superheroes! Consistent routines in DT and PE will support pupils' independence skills (EHCP-focused) and broaden their understanding of the wider world through imaginative, purposeful experiences. Collaborative learning will be strengthened through activities that promote togetherness and inclusivity. Throughout the term, sessions will have clear learning intentions connected to Music, History, or Art. Knowledge will build cumulatively towards pathway end points. In addition, learning about sports and healthy lifestyles will help pupils develop strategies that support positive mental health and wellbeing.</p>			
Class Focus	<p><i>In Maple Class, will be exploring Helpers and Heroes, such as doctors, the emergency services and Superheroes!</i> <i>The children will learn about helpers through simple stories, songs and music and will create artwork about helpers and Superheroes.</i></p>		
Project & External Visits	<p>We will create a class book about helpers and heroes. All children will contribute to our book and we will share it as a class at the end of term. We will learn a simple helpers and heroes song.. We will be working outdoors to help look after our own beautiful school environment. We also have some fun activities planned during this theme, including a Valentine's disco, an Easter egg hunt, and a heroes fun run fundraiser.</p>		
Independence Cooking	<p><i>In cooking we will be trying new foods and textures and collecting information about which foods we like and which we don't! We will be making foods fit for a Superhero!</i> <i>We will also be consolidating our cooking hygiene skills.</i></p>		
Books	<p>Woodlands books this term are Life Savers: Spend a day with 12 real-life emergency service heroes - Eryl Nash, Traction Man – Mini Grey, Little People Big Dreams – David Attenborough and finally, Supertato the Great Eggscapade – Sue Hendra</p>		
Happy Centred School	<p>Our key driver to start with will be Achievement and Success. Children's achievements will be noticed and celebrated as they happen, including during assembly and with a lovely certificate for a named child at the end of each week. Our key driver for Spring 2 will be Support and helping others.</p>		
PE /Forest School / Swimming	<p>Thursday afternoon is Forest and Swimming. Wednesday afternoon is PE. Our Spring focus is Dance.</p>		

Key Dates:

- School Opens 5th January 2026
- Helpers & Heroes Parent/Carers Afternoon – 3rd February 2026
- School Closes 13th February 2026
- School Re-opens 23rd February 2026
- Training Day – School closed for pupils – 9th March
- World Book Day 5th March 2026 – Optional Dress up for all pupils
- School Closes 27th March 2026
- School Re-opens 13th April 2026

As always thank you for your support.