

Year Two Newsletter Spring Term 1 2024

HEROES AND HEROINES!

As **Scientists** we will learn about different materials and their properties. We will also learn about how materials are used and the suitability of different materials.

As **Designers** we will design and make a new tent for Traction Man. Our tents will need to be strong and sturdy and made of suitable materials.

As **Artists** we will be creating portraits and using mixed media to create portraits of famous heroes/heroines.

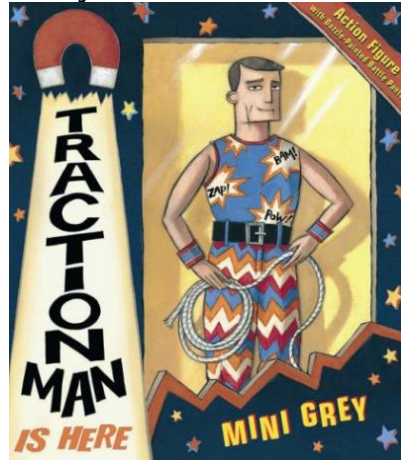
As **Geographers** we will learn to create birds-eye view maps of our school and the local area.

In **RE** we will think about what Christians believe God is like.

In **PSHE** we will be learning the importance of having dreams and goals. We will learn how positive attitudes and perseverance can help us achieve our goals.

In **Computing** we will learn to take photographs using digital devices.

Our Focus texts this half term is TRACTION MAN. Traction Man will visit our classrooms and have lots of adventures!



As **Historians** we will be learning about the lives of significant individuals from the past. We will explore the lives of female explorers and nurses including Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.



As **Writers** we will be learning to use adjectives to describe characters and settings. We will focus on using capital letters, full stops and question marks in our sentences. We will use connectives **and, but and because** to join phrases to make sentences longer. We will also design our own characters and write a story about what happens when they meet Traction Man!

In **Maths** we will continue our addition and subtraction skills this half term. We will also learn to name and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes using mathematical language.

We will then move onto money, where we will learn British coin and note values, as well as add coins to make different values. We will also learn ways to use different combinations of coins to make the same value and solve money problems including giving change.

We will start to learn about multiplication and division.

Home Learning

To support learning at home, please continue to play on **TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed regularly at home**. Log-ins are stuck into children's Reading Records.

Seesaw

We will use Seesaw to share weekly learning in Year 2 and to provide you with a snap shot of some of the work the children have completed. Please feel free to send messages to us on Seesaw and share any exciting things the children have done outside of school.

P.E.

Fir and Beech will have P.E. on Friday and swimming on Tuesdays. Children need to bring a named water bottle into school and a warm waterproof coat every day. Please also remember hair should be tied back and earrings covered. Please remove earrings for swimming.

Reading

Please ensure that you read with your child at least three times a week and then record this in their reading record. If you are able to read with your child every night this would be amazing. You don't need to get your child to read the whole book each time you listen to them, just a few minutes will help.

Weekly Spellings to learn at home –

Home learning spellings will continue this term – thank you for supporting your child to learn the spellings each week. Again, this is having a great impact on their spelling skills.