

Reception Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1!

Welcome to your child's first term at South Avenue! We hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and created wonderful family memories together. Over the summer we have been preparing the classroom for your children for our topic- Me and My Community! We cannot wait to get to know your children and embark on their learning journey

Class Dojo

Over the summer holidays you should have received an email requesting you to set a password for your Class Dojo account, if you have not received this email or you have not completed the form for Class Dojo, please speak with your class teacher.



Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 1 is



Me and My Community! We will be spending this term getting to know your children and exploring what their 'super powers' are just like the famous super heroes that we know and love! Your child may be amazing at football or drawing or singing and we want to learn about their skills this term. We want to know what their favourite games, colours and animals

are and how we can support them in their learning by getting to know their personalities.

This term we will be looking at our own similarities and differences between our physical appearances, our languages and our cultures and how diversity can be embraced! Similar to The Hulk and Iron Man, they are so different in many ways but have many special talents and skills.

We will be introducing our classroom rules which all pupils will agree on working to and following to keep our classroom and our selves safe! This term will see us learning the routines of the day and how to explore areas of the classroom safely.

From week 3 we will begin our phonics learning everyday beginning with phase 2 sounds. Where we learning individual sounds and apply these in blending to orally blend and begin to read simple CVC words. Your child will receive a phonically decodable book each week which is detailed below.

In maths we will be doing lots of counting from 0-10 through songs and games, lots of which can be found online. We will be focussing on counting each object one by one and knowing that all objects can be counted from sticks to claps. We will also begin to recognise and be aware of two objects that match and creating patterns in our environment.

Reading

Reading is a key skill to access a wonderful range of stories, learning and imagination! We encourage our children to love reading as much as we do and regularly share stories and books in our classroom daily.

We will begin our phonics learning which is giving your child the tools to begin their reading journey. Each week they will be learning individual sounds and practising how to blend them to decode words. If you would like to know how we teach phonics and reading please join us for our parent workshop on 20th September.

Each week your child will receive a book for you to read with them at home. These will be changed weekly on a Friday. They will then have an opportunity to choose a book from our school library to enjoy at home, this book is for them to share with parents, siblings, grandparents etc and is a book to read for pleasure. This book will be changed every Friday.

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag everyday as we will be reading with them.



Key dates

Please put these dates in your diary for the upcoming term:

Maths workshops 20.09.23 - 2:45-3:15

Please join us in our classrooms to learn about how we teach these topics and any support you can give at home.

Book and a biscuit 6.10.23- 3:00

Harvest Festival performance 20.10.23 3:00

(in classrooms)

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name. Please feel free to add spare clothes into their bag if you feel necessary.

Toys

Although toys can be a comfort for some children, this can cause upset if other children want to play or if their personal toys get lost or broken. So we kindly request that all toys from home are given to a parent at drop off to stop any additional upset throughout the school day.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom.

This should contain water only, no juice or squash



P.E is on FRIDAY

Please send your child in full PE kit on this day, they will not be getting changed in school to ensure we can make the most of the time in the PE session.

Please remove earrings on these days.

Reminder

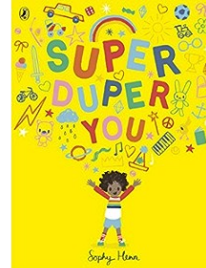
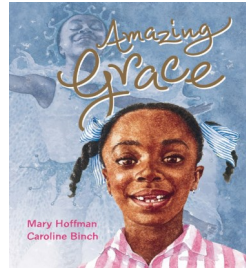
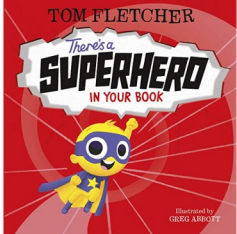
We are a **NUT FREE** school, therefore please ensure that if your child brings packed lunch that it contains no nuts products this includes chocolate spread containing nuts.

Reception Knowledge Organiser

'Me and My Community'

This term is 'Me and My Community', we are exploring how we are super just like the superheroes we know and love! So we want to know all about your child and their amazing abilities! We will be spending lots of time talking about what makes them and their friends special and what is the same and what is different. We will be playing lots of games and practicing our turn taking as we are making new friends and building positive relationships with others.

Look at some of the new books we will be reading this term to help our learning:



Please keep an eye out in your child's bookbag for QR codes to access books we may recommend.

Home learning

Each term we ask you and your child to complete a home learning task relating to our topic. This is for extend and share your child's learning from school and to spend time together creating something for them to show and tell each term. These can be as creative or simple as you like!

This term we would like you to create a 'all about me box' please contain a photo of someone or something (e.g. a pet) inside, possibly a favourite toy or film to watch at home and objects that they can share and talk about with their friends. Please encourage your child to decorate and personalise their boxes!

Please give these to your class teacher by 10th October to ensure we have time to share all of the boxes.

Key Vocabulary this term

Communication and Language is a priority area in Early Years and we encourage you to take every opportunity to engage in dialogue with your child.

Our Key topic words are:

Similarities

Difference

Friendship

Kindness

Feelings

Strength

Skills

Rules

Ideas for home learning this term:

- Reading—lots of reading and sharing books! Share Fiction and Non-Fiction books with a member of your family.
- Count! Count stairs or how many potatoes they have at dinner or how many pairs of socks they have
- Sing counting songs. Here are a few to start you off:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bONHrFNZWf0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D4K9oi7oBM&t=27s>
- Practice putting their jumpers on and off and shoes on and off
- Sharing and turn taking games e.g. snap, jenga
- Recognising their name

Please upload as many photos of your summer, you creating your home learning or anything that you feel your child may want to share on to Class Dojo as we love to see and share as a class!

Reading at home

ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO RETELL
THE STORY IN THEIR OWN
WORDS.

Make reading
part of your
routine. Read
every night
before bed or in
the morning
with breakfast.

Make story
time more
exciting by
using different
voices for each
character.

Use cuddly toys or
figures to retell the
story.

Make
puppets
using
sticks to
tell or
retell the
story.

Read their
favourite books
often. Allow
them to finish
the rhymes and
say parts they
know.

**Ask
questions
when
reading:**

What do you
notice on this
page? Look at
and discuss the
pictures.

How do you
think the
character is
feeling?

Do you
remember
when you did
this?

Would you
like to do this
or go to this
place?

Have you seen
something like
this in another
book?