Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Langley Fitzurse C of E School community as you start your school journey towards Christmas in Hercules Class.

**First day back is a SUPERHEROES DRESS UP DAY:** 31st October 2022

Our second class topic is called ‘Superheroes’ from the amazing to the everyday heroes that all you mums and dads out there! We will be linked the topic in to include the Nativity and Christmas traditions from around the world. We would love to hear if anyone celebrates Christmas differently or has any unique family traditions we could include in our classroom. Please upload a quick message or image onto Tapestry for the start of term and will ask if I need anything else. Please find the curriculum map attached that shares with you the details of your children’s learning in school.

**A few things to remember as we start our second term together:**

PE – **Wednesday** and Thursdays afternoons - **DO NOT WEAR PE KIT ON 2 NOVEMBER DUE TO CLASS PHOTOS** - Please wear PE kits to school on both days from 3rd November onwards.

Water bottles, bags, welly boots, coats and waterproofs for the outside classroom - Please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child’s name and if you think you child might get too involved in their learning and forget the toilet please add a change of clothes to their bag daily. We will send home welly boots and waterproofs at the end of term please check everything still fits okay over the Christmas break. Thanks so much.

Snack - Fruit is available as part of the Government’s free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme and children will able to access this as a rolling snack during the morning.

Classroom Resources - We are always looking for Christmassy things to cut and make with, so any old magazines, boxes and , unwanted wrapping paper, packets would be grateful received. Plus natural resources such as conkers, pinecones, etc. for the mud kitchen would be gratefully received.

Reading Books – Sounds Write and Wordless books please keep them in the plastic wallets for safe keeping. Children will read them at least twice in school and should come home reading with 90% accuracy – practice remembering whole sentences to read back, but always use say the sound read the word when finding things tricky.

**Switch off Fortnight:** 7 - 14 November – look out for more information on parent mail.

**Anti-Bully Week Reach Out:** Friday 18 November Odd Socks Day Resources: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

**My parent, the Superhero Show and Tell:** Tuesday and Thursday 3pm. Please sign up with the office to a slot and send 2 photos in by Tapestry to share. Your child is to tell us all about you and what your jobs is and what you do to be an everyday hero.

**Field and Forest:** Starts 11 November until 2 December – we do a weekly hot chocolate and biscuit snack, so would appreciate any donations of hot chocolate powder, biscuits and wet wipes to help us on our way.

**Parent Readers**:We are looking for regular reading volunteers to come into school once a week starting this term and into next Year – if you can help – we can offer training to support you understand the Sounds Write way. If you are able to commit to helping in either of these, please contact me through Tapestry or the Hercules Class emails [hercules@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:hercules@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk)

**Stay and Read dates:** Upcoming dates Monday 23 January and Thursday 11 May. Any urgent questions, please always feel free to ask and chat at pick up time at the end of the day once all the children have gone to their parents.

**Me and My Special People:**  28 November - Please send photos of your immediate family on Tapestry for our PSED lesson to talk about our families and share our difference and similarities.

**Maths Stay and Play:** Monday 28th November 2.30pm explain how to support your child at home – apologise for the week change you will see why below – next term we will return to the regular slot every term the second Thursday before the holidays so you can come and get involved in class and see their work for that term.

**Christmas Gifts:** Wednesday 14 Decemberplease bring any gifts to share with buddies or other children so that it can be managed thoughtful – vouchers are much preferred for staff gifts.

**Nativity performances**: December 5th Dress Rehearsal to school and December 6th at 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

**Craft parents:** We are looking to make some Bible story bags linked to the schools values and some winter play items for term 3 that can be used regularly in Hercules if you have some spare time and energy over the next few terms and fancy a sewing or knitting project, we can tell you more about them.

Best Wishes from the Hercules team Miss Rimmer, Mrs Whittock, Mrs Stables & Mrs Flynn