



Topaz Newsletter

January 2026 Term 3



This Term

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you have had a fantastic break and are looking forward to a fresh and positive 2026!

Our topic for Term 3 is **Superheroes**. We will be having fun making comics, learning about directions, investigating length and height and talking about how we all have special superpowers (And some weaknesses too!). We will be talking about communities and being responsible as well as talking about being brave and doing good deeds to help others.

Some ideas for Home Learning to get ready for our next exciting topic area could be:

- Listen and hum along to the theme tune from your favourite superhero TV programme. Can you remember all the words?
- Use information books and the web to find out about Guinness World Record holders and their superhuman achievements.
- Make a flipbook showing the adventures of a superhero stick person!
- Plan or make a lunchbox fit for a superhero.
- Make up a song or rhyme about a superhero. You could sing about their strengths and skills and promote their vision for world peace and harmony.
- Make a model of a superhero. You could use modelling dough, cardboard boxes and tubes, scraps of material or papier mâché.
- Interview someone who works for the emergency services about their job.
- Who is your hero? Bring a picture of them to school and explain to your classmates why you chose them.
- Read a newspaper with a parent or watch the news and see if you can spot any stories about people doing heroic things.
- If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Would you be able to fly? Become invisible? See through buildings? Write about some of the adventures you might have.
- Design (on paper or using a computer) a poster featuring a new superhero such as Anti-Litterman and convey their important message.
- Make a table of traits or characteristics comparing a villain with a good guy.
- Take pictures of yourself being a 'superkid' at home. Maybe you tidied your room or helped wash the dishes? Bring your pictures to school to explain to your classmates what you did and how it helped your family.

Key Vocabulary:

Community, resilience, heroic, brave, determination, freedom, generosity, health, hero, heroine, imaginary, kindness, local, muscle, national, international, forward, ahead, back, left, right, protect, public, safety, thinking ahead.

Important Dates

more details/reminders of these dates will be sent out nearer the time

Reminders

Just a little reminder to name all the children's clothing and belongings, this helps us to reunite it quickly and reduces anxiety when items are misplaced. The children are welcome to bring in a small healthy snack for break, for example a piece of fruit/vegetable or crackers.

We will continue to do Show and Tell each Friday when each child may bring in one small item to talk about (Please no valuables)

P.E days will continue to take place on Wednesday and Friday.

Please do not hesitate to use the Class Dojo app to communicate with us. We also use this app during the school day to reward the children for positive contributions which can be shared with you also. Thank you all for your continued support.



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Did you know?

- On his first appearance in a comic, the Incredible Hulk was grey. However there were problems with the consistency of the print colours, so he became green! Remember, just don't make him angry; you wouldn't like him when he's angry!
- The head of Marvel Comics was initially worried that readers who were frightened of spiders would also be scared of Spider-Man.
- Blueberries are one of the most antioxidant-rich foods in the world – perhaps the ultimate super food! Some nutritionists believe that if you make only one change to your diet, it should be to add blueberries. Studies show that eating them can improve memory, keep skin supple and protect the heart.
- *Toy Story* was the first animated feature ever generated completely on computers.
- Sakinat Khanapiyeva is one of the strongest grandmas in the world. The 80-year-old from Dagestan, Russia, can lift a 24 kg dumbbell, break horseshoes and twist 5 cm thick steel rods. Supergran!
- Known as the 'Human Spider', Alain Robert has climbed most of the tallest skyscrapers in the world using only his hands and climbing shoes. He has scaled landmark buildings like the Eiffel Tower and the Sydney Opera House.
- United States park ranger, Roy Cleveland Sullivan, was struck by lightning on seven separate occasions and survived them all. That's why he earned the nickname, 'Human Lightning Conductor'!
- The world record for the most people dressed as superheroes was achieved by 1580 participants in an event organised by Paramount Studios in Los Angeles, California on 2nd October, 2010.
- 'The Rubberboy', Daniel Browning Smith, is the most flexible man alive and the most famous contortionist. He can dislocate his arms to crawl through an unstrung tennis racket. He also performs contortion handstands and unique acrobatics.
- 'Magnetic Man', Liew Thow Lin, is a 70-year-old retired Malaysian man. He discovered he had the amazing ability to make objects, such as an iron, stick 'magnetically' to his skin, and now he's added car-pulling to his tricks! This 'gift' is also present in three of his sons and two of his grandchildren.



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