



# What's your superpower?



Nursery - Spring 1  
2024/2025

## Key Texts

This half term, we will be exploring the various people who help us at home, in school, and in the community.

Throughout this topic, our main aim is for the children to develop a deeper understanding of the world around them through carpet sessions, discussions, stories, provision, and additional enrichment activities.

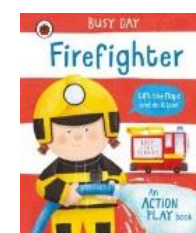
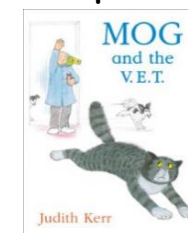
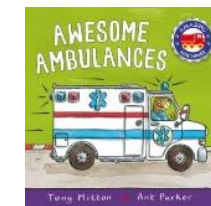
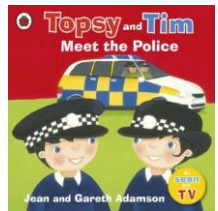
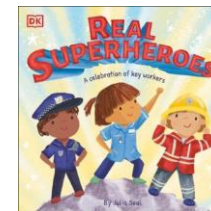
This topic will help the children understand the variety of jobs that make our lives easier and safer. From teachers and doctors to firefighters and police officers, each role plays a vital part in keeping our community safe and running smoothly. It encourages curiosity, inspires future career aspirations, and highlights the importance of teamwork.

We will be learning about the Emergency Services, school staff, vets, dentists, shop and postal workers, bin lorry drivers, farmers, and many more!



To enhance our learning this half term, we will be reading some key texts that link closely to our theme 'What's your superpower?'

- Real Superheroes
- Topsy and Tim Meet the Police
  - Firefighter
- Awesome Ambulances
- I'm the Bin Lorry Driver
  - Mog and the V.E.T



As well as the books listed above, we will also be reading a range of other high-quality texts to develop a love for reading.



# Foundation for Phonics

## Little Wandle Phonics Scheme

At Aragon, we use the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme throughout the school, which includes 'Foundations for Phonics' to support children's communication, language, and early literacy skills in Nursery.

In Nursery, one of the key areas we focus on is developing an awareness of sound, and there are many opportunities for this to happen. We aim to provide activities that promote listening and attention to support children's development.

Another game we love to play in Nursery is 'What's In The Box?'. This simple game is easy to organise if you'd like to try it at home! The children enjoy trying to remember the different objects in the box that begin with the same sound.

## What's in the box?

Our sound of the week is /p/. Practise pronouncing the sound /p/ - Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p p.

Have a small box with either pictures or objects that all begin with a /p/.



- Penguin
- Pencil
- Pizza
- Peg



One by one, pull the object out of the box.

"In by box I have a penguin. What sound does penguin begin with?"

Repeat this process until all the objects are out of the box. Can they name any other objects that begin with a /p/?





## Communication & Language

This half term, we will be exposing the children to lots of opportunities to encourage listening and speaking skills. We will be listening to other and sharing the different job roles we hope to have when we are grown-up.

We will be introducing key vocabulary to the children as well as using Widgets to support the children's understanding of these key words. The environment will support children in using and developing this language in their play.

We are going to continue to enhance children in sharing their ideas with their peers to encourage listening. This will support their friendships and relationships that they have already built at Nursery.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are busy welcoming new friends to Nursery and ensure we help them to know and follow our golden rules. We will continue to develop our sharing and turn taking with our peers throughout our time in Nursery.



We have set up a baby clinic in Nursery which the children are thoroughly enjoying nurturing the babies and making them feel better.

Nursery will be participating in Children's Mental Health Week during the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. We will learn all about our different emotions and what we can do to manage these.

## Physical Development

With the weather being colder, we are encouraging the children to become independent with their personal belongings. Ensuring they can find and put their coat, hat, gloves and scarves on independently or with little support.

We have our 'funky fingers' station in Nursery which is set up with activities that will support the children's development of their fine motor skills. These activities include threading, using tweezers and lots more!



## Literacy



During our Phonics carpet sessions, we are going to be following the Foundations for Phonics using the Little Wandle scheme. Here, we will be playing lots of games and activities to support children to develop their phonemic awareness.

Within this topic, we will be sharing lots of books that provide information to the children all about the people who help us to develop a deeper understanding of the wider world around us.

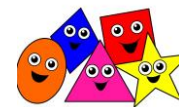
We will be continuing to develop our mark making skills in a variety of ways including in paint, glitter, shaving foam, sand as well as using chalk and pens to make our own marks.

We will be very busy in Nursery continuing to practice our name recognition and writing.



## Maths

This half term in Nursery We will be learning how to subitise numbers to 3 as well as ensuring we have a deeper and secure understanding of numbers 1-5. We will also be learning all about 2D shapes, comparing quantities using the language: 'more than' and 'fewer than' and observing different sizes of objects and making comparisons between these.



## Understanding the World



We will be encouraging the children to make observations through photographs of different people in the community who help us and share their thoughts regarding these. The children will be encouraged to think about how they know the occupation of each person.

We are very excited to have Little City coming to visit Nursery on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to provide an immersive play experience. The activities they offer will not only engage our young learners but also support their understanding of various careers and the roles that individuals play in our community.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to sing a range of Nursery Rhymes to support our early literacy skills. We will also be using the musical instruments to explore dynamics and tempo. Little City will present an invaluable opportunity for our children to explore the concept of 'people who help us' through role play, thereby enhancing their learning in a fun and meaningful way.

