



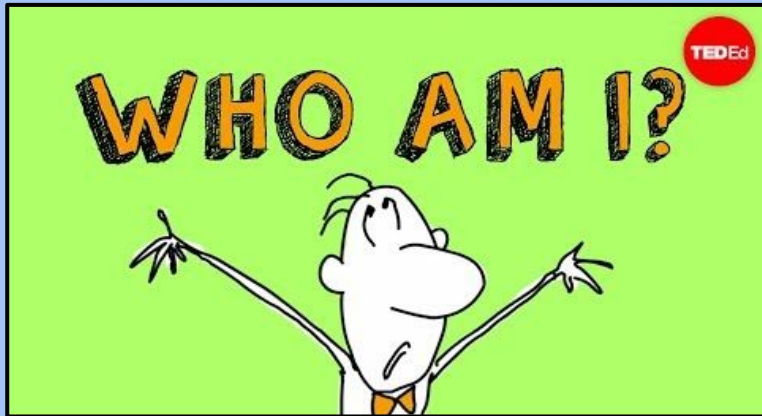
# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Year 2 Newsletter - Term 1

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### The **BIG** question...



#### English

In term 1 our writing is going to be based around superheroes. We are starting the term looking at the story, Traction Man by Mini Grey, writing a description of the main character. We will then be dramatising the catching of a villain and writing a set of instructions to help other heroes do the same. We will finish the term by rewriting a part of a traditional story.

We will also be reading a class text each day with the children. Our first class text is Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. The children are already enjoying the story and are answering questions.

#### Science

Our science topic this term is materials. We will begin by exploring the properties of materials and why they are important. We will have the chance to explore why some materials are more suitable than others by looking at whether a chocolate spoon can pick up cereal as well as whether cardboard is waterproof.

#### Computing

As part of our computing lessons in term one, we will be exploring the different parts of a computer. We will work to improve our confidence when using technology, using the chromebooks to practise our typing skills.

#### Welcome

Welcome to Year 2. The children have already settled in well and have shown that they are ready to have a fantastic year. We have started the term by revisiting our 'Rainbow Rules' and the children are working hard to demonstrate the school's core values.

#### Maths

This term, our focus is on place value. We will be looking at how to make numbers to 100 in many different ways, including part whole models. Towards the end of the term we will move on to addition and subtraction where we will secure number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

#### Religious Education

We will be looking at sacred texts, particularly the Qu'ran. We will look at why it is special and how it is treated. The children will also be given the chance to explore stories and explain why they are special.

#### History

We will be looking at the local history of Maidstone using a range of different sources to understand the changes that have taken place over time. We will be exploring significant places such as Maidstone Zoo and Maidstone town centre. We will also be looking at significant events such as the Battle of Maidstone.

#### Physical Education

In one of our weekly PE lessons, we will be practising dribbling a ball and understanding how to defend. In the other lesson, we will be looking at how to dodge effectively and work as teams collaboratively.

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)



In PSHE this term, we will explore who we are, our hopes and fears for the year and our rights and responsibilities. We will also be focusing on our rainbow rules and looking at ways we can show these around the school and how we can demonstrate these values outside of school.

## Art

Art this term will focus on learning how to draw using lines and shapes and making choices about suitable pencil grades to use for our sketches.

We will also be learning how to use a colour wheel and applying that knowledge to art work using different types of media.

## Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)



Please talk to your child about:

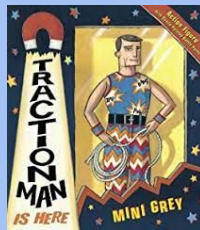
Significant places in and around Maidstone and how Maidstone has changed over time.

Your family and what makes your child special and unique.

Different ways that we can all demonstrate South Borough's core values of self reflection, perseverance, bravery and support in our behaviour.

## Recommended Reading for this term

Traction Man by Mini Grey  
Supertato By Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet  
The Three Little Pigs



A copy of these texts can be found on your child's Google classroom.

## Reminders and Important Dates



- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)
- Please read with your child for 10 minutes every night as this helps the children massively to develop their own reading ability and confidence.
- Thursday 30th September is our Superhero Experience Day. The children can come in on this day dressed as a superhero and we will take part in superhero themed activities to help motivate the children with their writing.

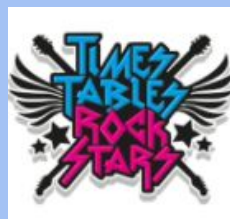
## Home Learning



Google Classroom



Mathletics



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