



All of our learning this half term is themed around our topic of **People who Help Us**



Focus area: Communication and Interaction

We will use Mondays as a day to talk about our weekend news through pictures sent from home. The children will be encouraged to ask each other questions. New vocabulary learnt through our topic will be offered through the added support of symbols and Makaton signs whenever possible. This will also be practised in 1:1 sessions to practise more personal speech and language skills.

Focus area: Social, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

We will continue to work on using the Zones of Regulation – recognising ours (and others) feelings and emotions, as well as how they might change throughout the day. Each week we will be attending at least one assembly to engage more with others around the school and be more involved in the whole school community.

Focus area: Independence and Self Help and Preparation for Adulthood (Life Skills)

We will learn about how to keep ourselves healthy and growing well. This can also be compared with similarities and differences to plants and animals. We will continue to try new foods at snack time, lunchtime and when we have cooking sessions.

In the complementary areas of our curriculum (understanding the world, expressive arts and design, sensory and physical development, mathematics, literacy and RE) some of the tasks we will do are:

- Looking at who and how people in the local community help us in our lives.
- We will see how we ask for help when it is needed.
- Exploring a range of different non-fiction books and stories about people that help us. For example, [A Superhero Like You](#).
- Create portraits of our friends using various media and look at Van Gogh and recreate Sunflowers.
- Develop mathematical knowledge around the area of measurement – especially length and height. We will also be exploring time and how it can be measured. We will talk about what time things happen in the day as well as sequence different times of the day.

Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Fridays.