Our theme for this half term is 'Minibeasts' and 'Seasonal Change'. Here are some of the things we will be learning about at nursery. Please carry out some of these activities at home to support your child's learning. We would love to see photographs and videos of anything you have done

at home. Thank you, Miss Murphy.

We will be learning about the season 'Winter' and what different signs to look out for. What clothing we need to wear and we will be talking about the weather changes. You could go on a winter walk and take photographs of the different signs of winter. This may include frosty leaves and trees, leaves falling from trees, icy puddles, icicles.



#### Maths:

In maths we are learning to count in order up to 5 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and to show numbers up to 5 using our fingers. We will learn to recognise groups of 3 objects without needing to count them. We will also explore and learn about 2D and 3D shapes. At home you can support this by:

- Superhero counting: Use superhero toys or similar figures to practice counting up to 5. Ask your child to show numbers on their fingers while pretending to be a superhero.
- Shape hunt: Go on a shape hunt around the house, looking for 2D shapes. Build superhero towers or hideouts using 3D shapes like blocks or boxes.
- Make people who help us badges, such as police badges, add shapes and numbers.
- Sing these nursery rhymes: Three blind mice, Three little kittens, 5 snowmen, 4 Teddy bears, 5 Fingers, Alice the camel.

# Superheroes/People who help us



### **Superheroes:**

We will be exploring what superheroes do, the special powers they have, and creating our own masks and capes. We'll also have fun sharing what special powers we would choose if we were superheroes. At home you can support this by:

- Reading superhero books
- Design and create your own superhero masks using craft materials
- Talk about what makes someone a superhero in real life e.g. (helping others, being kind).
- Play imaginative games where your child can pretend to be their favourite superhero
- Make up your own superhero names and special powers.

## People who help us:

We are looking for people with 'special jobs' to come and talk to the children in school and tell us what they do to help us all. If you and anyone you know would like to do this, please let us know. This can be anything from nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, vets, paramedics, traffic wardens, postal workers etc. Thank you.

Out theme is based around these stories:



- Ten Little Superheroes
- Supertato
- Real Superheroes

We will be listening to and retelling these stories in lots of different ways. Can you retell one of these stories at home? You could even make your own props to act out the story. We would love to see videos of this uploaded to Tapestry. We will also read lots of non-fiction books about different occupations.

# Artist – Kandinsky Circles



We will explore the artist Kandinsky and create our own by exploring colours and patterns using different sized circles. Can you create your own at home? You could even try drawing different shapes such as circles, squares and triangles. You could even make your own emergency vehicles using junk modelling and using circles for the wheels and squares for the windows!

When outdoors we will be practising our balancing skills. We will set up different obstacle courses and role play the different jobs that people do. Can you practice balancing at home? You could practice walking along a line or balancing on one foot with an object. You could even go to the local park and send videos of your climbing and balancing skills.

**Key Vocabulary**: Superhero, occupation, job, people, police, doctor, dentist, nurse, vet, help, teacher, parent, shopkeeper, fire officer, postal officer, builder, train driver, pilot, midwife, hair dresser, baker, chef, cook, paramedic, care worker, bus driver, gardener, plumber, electrician, post office, parcel, letter, ambulance, fire engine, emergency, Superhero, number, three, flying, pow, boom, save, cape, super power, splat, mask, zap, swish, jab, disguise, climb, jump, fly, transform, fast, strong, muscles, cloak, boots, costume, power, good, evil, fire, ice, brave