

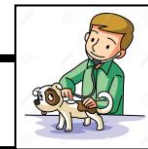


# I wonder.....



Rationale: This half term we will be using our investigation skills to explore the world around us. We will be focusing on different experiences which will broaden the children's knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts as well as traditions that are celebrated by people all over the world. These will include learning about community heroes such as firefighters, nurses, doctors, teachers, crossing guards, the RNLI and many more. We will also be exploring the technology we have both at home and in school as well as looking at gadgets that our community heroes might use. It is the Year of the Rabbit this Chinese New Year 2023 and the children will be learning about Chinese culture and how the New Year is celebrated as well as having the opportunity to taste Chinese food. We will also be exploring the local area around St. Joseph's and taking a trip to Rossmore Library. During National Storytelling week we will be sending a letter home asking children to bring their favourite book into school and share it with their friends.

We will be showing the children how to source information from non-fiction texts and the internet. Children will begin to gain an understanding of the differences between fact and fiction and we will learn how to use non-fiction books.



## How you can help at home:

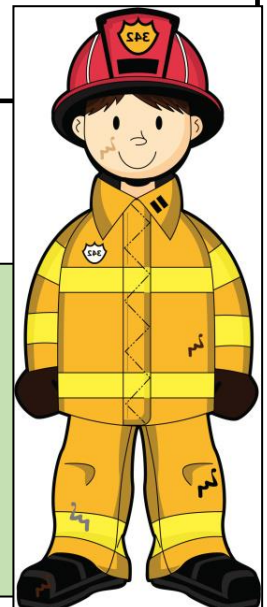
### Home learning:

As we will be thinking about people who help us and different occupations, we would like the children to make a poster about what job they would like to do when they are older. It can contain pictures, facts which they know or have researched, and the reason why they want to do that job. We look forward to our circle time when the children will share their work with the class. Due in by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Throughout this topic, we will be reading non-fiction books about people who help us e.g doctors, police etc. Therefore, this is an ideal opportunity to go to your local library to sit and find facts together. Talk about the main features of a non-fiction text – front cover, titles, pictures, contents page etc.

We would appreciate all of your support to read 5x a week for 10 minutes with your child. The reading book your child is given will match your their current phonics sounds and knowledge. This is a key skill which they need to practise for them to build confidence and reading fluency with the same text. Thank you for your continued support.

As always please continue to send in photos of your child learning at home using Tapestry. If you are not yet signed up to Tapestry please let a teacher know 😊



## Spring 1- I Wonder...

- Week 1- Chinese New Year
- Week 2- Chinese New Year
- Week 3- Chinese New Year (Year of the Rabbit Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan)
- Week 4- Helpful Heroes (RNLI Focus)
- Week 5- Helpful Heroes & Gadgets and Gizmos
- Week 6 - Painter: Kandinsky's Concentric Circles



# Cross Curricular Vocabulary

St. Joseph's  
 School grounds  
 Environment  
 Rossmore Library  
 Town  
 United Kingdom  
 Live  
 House  
 Flat  
 Area  
 Map  
 Photographs

Traditions  
 Decoration  
 Celebrate  
 Foods  
 Ingredients  
 Feast  
 Special occasion

Seaside  
 Beach  
 Sea  
 Safety  
 Boat  
 Life jacket  
 Flag  
 Rescue  
 Help

Internet  
 Website  
 Gadget  
 Technology  
 Work  
 Buttons  
 Keyboard  
 Paint  
 Images

Motor  
 Battery  
 Mechanical  
 Remote  
 Controlled  
 Equipment  
 Movement  
 Direction  
 Screen  
 Mouse

Chalk  
 Lines  
 Circles  
 Shapes  
 Colour  
 Illustrations  
 Patterns  
 Textures  
 Size  
 Brushes

Primary colours  
 Experiment  
 Mixing  
 Match  
 Paint  
 Strokes  
 Impress  
 Feeling  
 Mood



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