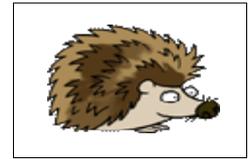




Class Hedgehog Information for Parents Autumn Term 2019



Our Topics

Ourselves - What is special about me? What do I like? How do I feel? What colour are my eyes and hair? We will find out more about ourselves, families and our community. We will learn to correctly name parts of our bodies and think about how our bodies change when we exercise. We will explore how our bodies move when we are walking, in play, PE and dance. Can we make musical sounds with our bodies? We will learn to look after ourselves by keeping safe in school and at home as well as keeping our bodies and teeth clean. We will draw and paint our own self-portraits. We will look at the changes in our lives as we grow and mature.

Harvest - As a class, we will find out about seasonal changes and learn about the celebration of harvest within our community.

Fruit and Vegetables: We will prepare and taste a variety of fruit and vegetables. Developing our skills in washing, peeling and chopping. We will discuss our likes and dislikes. Where do the different fruits and vegetables come from? What do these foods look and feel like? We will investigate the benefits of healthy eating and exercise. We will design a healthy lunch and choose some healthy snacks giving reasons for our choices. We will consider the harvest in other countries and think about how different climates produce different foods.

Belonging to our Community - Who helps us around school? We will learn to make friends within school, developing our social skills. We will think about our Christian Values - helping each other, using kind words and actions, looking after our classroom and school, telling the truth and thinking about others. How should we behave in school? We will find out about our local Harvest Festivals and join in a collective worship in our local church, to say thank you for our harvest. As Christmas approaches, we will compare other cultures to our own through Festivals of Light around the world - Hannuka, Divali and Christmas. We will explore why we give gifts at Christmas and learn the Christmas Story. We will work with the whole school to learn songs of praise and Christmas carols and perform a Christmas play for our community.

Continuous Provision - In our class we will offer continuous play opportunities both indoors and outdoors which reflect the children's interests and help develop essential skills for future learning. The classroom resources will be enhanced with a range of opportunities for the children to develop gross and fine motor skills, such as muscle co-ordination and flexibility for mark making and writing.

Outdoor play is integral to our daily activities

please ensure the children have sensible footwear and warm clothing.

Maths - Reception children will develop mathematical language and knowledge through structured play, ICT and practical experiences. The children will develop understanding of numbers 0-10 (recognising, ordering and writing). They will investigate mathematical ideas such as more than, fewer than and the same as. In play and in games, there will be daily opportunities to apply number knowledge and reasoning. Year 1 will count objects to 10 and then 20 and beyond, add two single digits together and subtract a single digit number from another. They will order numbers and match digits to words for numbers to twenty. The children will also be exploring shapes in the environment, compare the shape, size and length of different objects by measuring them in a variety of ways. We will begin to tell the time to o'clock and half past.

Literacy - Our focus books have familiar settings as well as some more exotic locations. Here are a few of the texts chosen to complement our topic; *We are all different*, *So Much, Don't hog the hedge*, *Funnybones*, *The Tiger who came to Tea*, *Oliver's Vegetables*, *Oliver's Fruit* and *Tattybogle* (Scarecrow

Stories). We will be looking at capital letters and full stops and writing simple sentences. Year Ones will begin their Grammar sessions to develop a working knowledge of the English language through parts of speech (for example identifying nouns in sentences and using capital letters for Proper Nouns). During this term, all children will begin to have daily phonics activities and will develop listening, reading, writing and spelling skills.

Coding - Year One will be working in small groups to complete units from Espresso Coding. They will begin to learn how to give precise and unambiguous instructions to computers.

Year 1 PE - Year One work together two times a week to develop basic PE skills. They will be working on balance, controlled movement, shoulder and elbow pivots, upper body strength and following instructions. They will also practise basic ball skills.

Reception Physical Development - Year Reception (YR) will build their physical skills through outdoor play, (including scooters and obstacle courses) indoor circle games and parachute activities.

Additional information and reminders - **Year 1 PE kit** - trainers, t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms/joggers, hoodie/sweatshirt and a spare pair of socks as PE can be indoors or out. Please name all items of clothing. PE for Y1 is on Wednesdays and Fridays - the children may come home on Wednesday in their kits so please make sure it is back in school for the Friday morning lesson.

Reception should have a change of clothing in a bag just in case of emergencies, such as spare pants, socks and uniform. School Library books are changed by volunteers every Friday afternoon.

Please ensure reading books are returned to school in book bags EVERY day. Please ensure children have a named **water bottle** left in school. **Snacks** All children are provided with a piece of fruit for Morning Snack. It is a good idea to provide your child with their own healthy snack for the afternoon (no sweets or chocolate please) as we do not always have spare fruit for the afternoon.

Please make sure that we are kept informed of any food allergies.

Please remember that our school is a *Nut Free environment*, so any additional snacks you provide for your child in school, need to be free from all nuts.