



Hedgehog Class (1) Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1



English

During the term we shall be looking at stories that link with our topic.

We will focus on speaking and listening tasks in order to develop our overall communication and language development. We will ensure that there are regular opportunities to complete mark making and writing activities. We will encourage your child to always 'have a go' and tell us what their marks mean. We will model to your child how to write and may sometimes scribe for them.

Reading is important to us and from the very beginning of the year we hope to foster a love of reading in the classroom. Each day, the children will have stories or non-fiction books read to them in story time and will be encouraged to join in with repeated phrases, rhyming words and answering questions. We look forward to sending reading books home for you to read with your child and more information will be sent home about this very soon.

The children will have daily phonics lessons to further develop their reading and writing.

Our topic for this half term is:

'All About Me'

We will be exploring our new classroom and outdoor environment. We shall be learning our new class routines, rules and expectations. Our work will focus on the themes of ourselves, our family and experiences. We shall be learning about our bodies and our senses. The topic aims to allow the children to grow in confidence so that they can access all learning activities in their new class.

Please can you send in or email/upload to tapestry any photographs of your child when they were a baby. We also ask for photographs of your family, pets and home. Please make sure that you are happy to share the photographs so that they can be used for your child's work.

Enrichment

During Enrichment, we shall be completing 'Food Therapy' sessions. The sessions will support our sensory needs and relationships with food.

Mr Robinson (CT)

Miss Hedgecock (TA)

Miss Harwood (TA)

Mrs Thompson (TA)

Maths

Building on your child's previous learning and knowledge; our work in maths is based around the areas of Number and Shape, Space and Measure. The Using and Applying of our Maths skills will be highlighted throughout all our learning opportunities.

This half term in Maths there is a strong focus on one of the most important mathematical skills - counting. We will start by counting, singing and chanting to 20 and beyond. We will also learn how to form and recognise numerals. We aim to count every day to help promote children's mathematical confidence and fluency.

We will also look at continuing, copying and creating patterns. Children will become familiar with a range of 2D shapes, colours and Maths equipment

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Home Learning

- ◆ Encourage your child to dress independently - Let them fasten their own buttons, zips, buckles, and put on/ take off their jumpers.
- ◆ Encourage physical activity through trips to the park, ball games, running, biking, climbing etc.
- ◆ Practise forming numbers in different ways - making numbers from playdough, painting numbers, etc.
- ◆ Look for numbers and shapes in the environment as you are out and about.
- ◆ Count regularly with your child - as they are tidying up, doing different jobs etc.
- ◆ Read with your child each night, discuss the story with them and record in their reading record.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for your child to use pens, paper, pencils, scissors, paint etc. at home.
- ◆ Reinforce the letter sounds we have covered at school and encourage your child to segment and blend words when attempting to read and write.

Home-school books will still be in use this term. However, we do ask that where possible, you use contactless methods of communication. This can be via the school office telephone or our class email address: hedgehog1@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk

P.E

The children will continue to have the opportunity to take part in exciting cycling activities. Specialist instructors will be in school leading the sessions. Children will start out on special pedal-less balance bikes and take part in a series of fun activities aimed at building the confidence, spatial awareness and dynamic balance skills that will help your child to cycle. When ready, the children will then progress onto pedal bikes with an aim to learn how to ride their bike independently without stabilisers.

PSHE

Aiming high! We will be setting ourselves ambitions and goals for the year ahead. We will explore our thoughts and feelings and think about what we want to be when we become an adult.

Please can you ensure that all pieces of uniform including coats, bags and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name. If these get misplaced we can find them much more easily and quickly when this is done.

We will be working in the forest every Wednesday. Please send in suitable clothes and shoes/wellies for this activity.

The staff Hedgehog1 team would like to 'thank you' for your continued support.

Useful Information

Forest School

Wednesday

P.E

Tuesday

Phonics

Every afternoon

English

Everyday

Maths

Everyday

School arrival

9.10am - 9.15am

Home time

3.10 -3.15pm

