



Hedgehogs Class Newsletter Term 2

Welcome back to school for an incredibly busy Term 2! Here's some dates for your diaries for this upcoming term;

12th November – PE Starts in Hedgehogs
15th November - Children in Need
29th November – Non-Uniform Day
9th December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal
10th and 11th December – Nativity Shows to Parents
13th December – PTA Christmas Fair
18th December – Church Service
19th December – Class Christmas Parties and Last Day of Term

This Terms Topic

Our topic this term is 'Let's Celebrate'. We will cover Diwali, Bonfire Nights, Remembrance Day, Hanukah and Christmas. During this topic we will learn that different cultures celebrate different events. We will also learn that we may celebrate the same events differently to each other and learn to be respectful to these differences.

If you have any photos of you and your family celebrating something special such as Birthdays, Halloween, Weddings then please upload them to your child's Tapestry for us to display along with a quote from your child about the photo.

RWI

We have done very well at learning our Set 1 Sounds and will continue to do so over this term. During a RWI lesson we are introduced to our daily sound, what it looks and sounds like, how to sign the sound using cued articulation and to write the sound. After each sound is introduced we complete different fine motor activities relating to the sound e.g. decorating a crown for c.

We will continue to have word time groups where we use magnetic letters to make cvc words such as sat, tap, pit etc. We then practise reading these words by sounding them out using Fred Talk.

We will also be introduced to the first set of Red Words, words that we cannot sound out, such as 'the'. A copy of these will be sent home soon.

Mrs Levy assessed our RWI knowledge at the end of last term. We will now be split into two groups within the class for RWI to ensure we are all working at our own level.

Literacy

During Literacy this term we will continue to focus on giving meanings to the marks we make when we draw and write. As we learn more sounds we will focus on hearing and writing the initial, middle and end sound we can hear in words.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focussing on numbers within 5. We will learn different ways to represent the different numbers, how they differ and how we can compose quantities within this range. We will continue to work on our subitising skills and recognising the different patterns of numbers.

<p>We will have the opportunity to label firework pictures, write invitations and send celebration cards.</p> <p>We will also be using religious stories such as the story of Rama and Sita to sequence, role play and develop a character voice.</p>	<p>Within our Get Busy Time we will explore and make patterns by making symmetrical Rangoli patterns and making patterned fireworks. We will have a close look at squares and rectangles and we'll also explore capacity, weight and length.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Drawing Club</p> <p>You will see on our weekly Tapestry posts that we mention what we are doing in Drawing Club. We use Drawing Club as the vehicle to develop the children's writing skills over the year. At the start of the year, as the name suggests, we'll begin to develop our children's fine motor skills by drawing pictures from the text we are exploring that week.</p> <p>The children use their imagination to create a theme, object or character from the story and they use their stories as a conversation starter to talk about what their picture means to them.</p> <p>They will then choose a 'code' of numbers, letters, words or even sentences to bring magic into the drawing with their creative ideas!</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Request for Resources</p> <p>To support our continuous provision we would love to receive any donations such as:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Clear hair gel Cardboard boxes Kitchen roll tubes Plain paper plates Pasta tubes /Rice </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> Shaving Foam Wine corks Nuts and Bolts Lentils Spring Bulbs or winter plants for our garden. </td></tr> </table>		Clear hair gel Cardboard boxes Kitchen roll tubes Plain paper plates Pasta tubes /Rice	Shaving Foam Wine corks Nuts and Bolts Lentils Spring Bulbs or winter plants for our garden.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Snacks</p> <p>In Hedgehogs the children have access to their snack all morning. Please ensure snacks are in a named container and that it is a healthy snack which is in line with our school policy (fruit, vegetables, plain bread and breadsticks). School fruit / vegetable snacks are available in the afternoon. If children bring a water bottle to school please ensure that it only contains water, anything other than water will be emptied. Water is available all day.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>We're excited to be starting PE this term. Our PE day is Wednesday with our first lesson on the 12th of November. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers, long hair is tied back and all jewellery, including earrings, is removed.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Home Learning</p> <p>Each term we will upload a Home Learning Bingo Card to Tapestry for you to complete across the term. These are optional and can make a fantastic Tapestry observation of what your child is able to do at home. We will also continue to send home the letter sounds we have covered in class each Friday.</p>			

As well as our Home Learning Bingo Card you can also work on developing your child's fine motor skills, which are essential for them to develop the muscles to write and draw. These activities can be easy to do with everyday objects such as rolling and squeezing play dough, putting dry spaghetti through the holes in a colander, threading dry pasta onto a shoe lace etc. Pinterest has some amazing ideas as does the hashtag #finemotoractivities on Instagram.

Uniform

We ended last term with quite a pile of un-named cardigans and jumpers which we will place in the school's lost property box if left unclaimed. **Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled** to help us return it to the rightful owner quickly. This includes your child's PE kit. Please encourage your child to look after their items and to place jumpers into their book bags and coats onto their pegs to keep them safe.

As per our School Uniform Policy, we politely remind you that children should not be wearing jewellery of any kind to school (with the exception of small stud earrings).

Thanks for taking the time to read our Newsletter – Any questions or queries please pop them in your child's diary or ask either Mrs Cousins, Mrs Donnell or Mrs Munn.