



# Hedgehogs Term 6 Newsletter



## Welcome to Term 6

We hope you had a fantastic half term! Can you believe this is our final term in Hedgehogs? Where has the year gone? This term will be packed with lots of end of school year fun alongside our learning in class. We will be having our trip to Broadstairs Beach, the PTA Colour Run, transition sessions in Year 1, Sports Day, and Outdoor Learning Week. Now that we are entering the summer please ensure your child has a named sun hat, named water bottle and has had sun cream applied before coming into school. A thin named raincoat in their bag would also be helpful with our unpredictable weather.

### This Terms Topic

Our final topic of the year will be Hop On! A topic all about transport and journeys. We will start our topic with the 'Gingerbread Man' – where will he go? We'll also be using the stories 'The Naughty Bus', 'The Mouse, The Cat and The Runaway Train', and 'Whatever Next'.

Through our stories, we will be looking at different environments and how they compare to Higham, talking about our own experiences on different transport and making our own transport.

### RWI

We saw some amazing progress in our assessments before half term and we are so proud of how confident everyone is becoming. We will have a group on Purple Books, a group on Green books, a group on Paper Ditties and a small group working on oral blending and blending to read.

Please continue to read with your child every day this includes reading books to them as well as them reading to you. Reading little and often is much more beneficial than doing a long session.

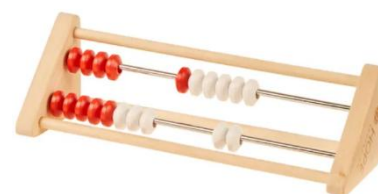
### Literacy

Our Literacy focuses will be based upon the topic book we are reading. We will be using these books to write character and setting descriptions, speech bubbles, story maps, and writing our own versions of a story.

We will be having a huge focus on building confidence to write independently this half term to help us achieve the writing Early Learning Goal and prepare us for Year 1. We'll be encouraging your children to think of their own sentence, repeat it to themselves to help them to "hold their sentence" and then write each word using the letter sounds they can hear.

### Maths

This term we are introducing a piece of apparatus called a rekenrek. This apparatus looks similar to an abacus but only has two lines of ten beads. To help the children with their use of the rekenrek please practise differentiating their left and right as much as you can in normal daily activities, such as writing/drawing and getting dressed. We will continue to look at comparison and composition within 10, counting to 20 and beyond, spotting number patterns and recall of number bonds including doubles.



### Request for Resources

We are really appreciative of all the resources you have kindly donated so far this year. This term we would really love to continue improving our outdoor provision. We have tyre planters and a large raised planter which we would love to fill with herbs and vegetables for us to grow and then use

within our play. To continue to extend our outdoor provision we would be very grateful for any donations of;

- Compost / soil
- Seeds / bulbs / plant cuttings
- Kitchen utensils, pots and pans that you no longer need
- Large decorator paint brushes

Thank you for your support.

### **Tapestry**

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement on Tapestry. We really do love to see photos of your days out, holidays, family days in, and any learning that you are doing at home.

Home observations are very useful in the Early Years as we often get told "but they do it at home" and with it being our final term this is the perfect opportunity for you to show us. If you would like some support in using Tapestry then please let us know.

### **Snacks!**

A polite reminder that every child needs a healthy snack and a water bottle at school every day please. To be in line with our snack policy, please ensure your child's snack is either fruit or vegetables or plain breadsticks.

The children have access to their water bottles all day and we encourage them to drink regularly, many children refill their empty bottles after lunch.

### **Activity Sessions**

Thank you for all the support you have given us in our Parent Activity Sessions. We will be continuing with the same set up for this term, however we can only fit in three sessions this term due to the very busy Term 6 school calendar. Please sign up for the sessions on the post on Tapestry so we can plan activities accordingly. This will help us to develop a love of reading and maths for our children and hopefully, give you some ideas on how to encourage learning at home too. The times will be 9:00-9:30 (unless otherwise stated) and dates of these sessions will be:

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June (PM 2:30 – 3)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Unfortunately, younger siblings will not be able to attend these sessions.

### **Reading Books**

We will be changing the number of times that we will change our reading books to help us to prepare for the new routines in Year 1. **Reading books (in the larger folder) will now be changed twice a week on Monday and Thursday.** Please remember to write a note in your child's diary to say that they have read their book with you, if you have not written a comment we will presume you are still reading the book and will not change it. Please do take care of our reading book, we record which books are sent home and have noticed that they are not always being returned. Unfortunately our school budget cannot stretch to keep replacing lost books.

The children in Red or above RWI groups will also be bringing home the RWI book they have been reading in class. Please bring your small Green Wallet in every Thursday for them to be changed at the end of each week.

Whilst reading 1:1 with every child was wonderful to hear, it did take one of us out of provision for big chunks of the day. **From this term we will read 1:1 with the children who are in Mrs Smith's and Mrs Capon's RWI group** (your child will know which group they are in). Please ensure they bring their diaries into school every day. Those children in Mrs Cousins/Mrs Donnell's and Mrs Munn's group are heard reading in RWI every day.

**Thanks for taking the time to read our Newsletter – Any questions or queries please come and see either Mrs Cousins, Mrs Donnell or Mrs Munn.**