



Hedgehogs Term 6 Newsletter



Welcome to Term 6

We hope you had a fantastic half term in the sun! 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 the PTA Colour Run, Sports Day, our trip to Chatham Dockyard, Outdoor Learning Week, and transition sessions in Year. 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 the unpredictable weather.

This Terms Topic

Our final topic of the year will be Hop On! A topic all about transport and journeys across land, air and sea. We will start our topic with *'The Naughty Bus'*, what adventures will our bus take us on? We will also be using *'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree'*, *'Whatever Next'*, *'Way Back Home'*, *'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'*, and *'The Pirates are Coming'*.

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 modes of transport.

RWI

We've been very impressed with everyone's progress in RWI across the year and we are so proud of how confident everyone is becoming. We will have a group on Purple Books, a group on Red books, 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.

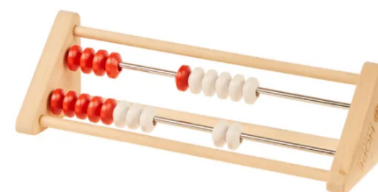
Literacy

Our Literacy focuses will be based upon the topic book we are reading. We will be using these stories 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 to make our transition into Year 1 easier. We ended last term with everyone completing Drawing Club at the same time and have been blown away at our confidence to complete work independently. We'll continue to encourage the 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

Our large planter also requires some TLC to protect it from the wet and windy weather – if anyone would like to donate their time to paint it, we would be very grateful.

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.

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. They are offered water or milk with their 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 and dates of these sessions will be:

- Wednesday 10th June at 9 – 9:30am
- Thursday 18th June at 2:45 – 3:15pm
- Monday 29th June at 2:45 – 3:15pm

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

Reading Books

We will continue with our Book Change days - Reading books (in the larger folder) will 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.

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.

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