



Year 1 Hedgehogs Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Hedgehogs Class! We are so excited for the children to be starting in Year 1. We have an exciting half term covering lots of learning and giving the children a good chance to settle in. We are introducing each subject to them one by one and sharing all of our expectations and routines. They will be experts in no time!

Phonics and Reading

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme, the children will be starting on phase 3, 4 and learning new digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words. The children will also be continuing to segment and blend and read words.

Phonics

Recommended reads for year 1: [Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6 \(booksfortopics.com\)](https://www.booksfortopics.com)



Writing

This term we will be focusing on developing sentence writing to build on the children's skills from Reception. We will be using some stories and videos as inspiration including What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson and Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. We will be looking at understanding stories and using adjectives in our writing.



Maths

This term's units will include place value within 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. We will be sorting, grouping, and classifying objects and using the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.



Science

The children are learning about seasonal changes in science. We are learning different weather types, and which are typical for each season. We will be learning the months of the year and which months are in which season.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning to log onto the laptops and exploring some of the tools and functions of Purple Mash.



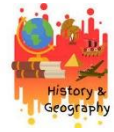
DT

This term in DT we will be creating paper windmills to learn about construction. We will be designing our structures, assembling them and then evaluating them. We are planning to have a DT Day towards the end of the term.



Geography

In geography we are focused on map work. We will start by creating maps of the classroom and the playground. We will then look at how to use a key and a simple compass on a map and have a go at adding our own onto our maps.



Music

We are very lucky to have a music specialist come in to work with the children. They will begin to learn basic musical skills and we will keep you posted on Dojo as their skills develop.



PE

PE days this term will be Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be focused on fundamental movement skills and team building games.



Children should come to school in their school PE kit on these days - black joggers/leggings and black hoody/sweatshirt or school jumper.

PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be reminded about the Zones of Regulation which is an approach that helps children to manage difficult emotions. They will learn to recognise different emotions. It helps children to recognise strong feelings and gives them strategies to cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn.



RE

Our topic in RE is 'People in Christianity'. We will discuss what it means to be inspiring and who the children find inspiring in their lives. We will then explore who Jesus is and discuss the question 'What did Jesus do that inspired people?'.



Enrichment

This term we will be walking around the local area as part of our geography learning. We will be thoroughly exploring the school grounds too. We are hoping to have a visit from a priest to talk to the children about important people to Christians to support RE.



Homework Project

We will be sending home a phonics practice sheet of the phase 2 and 3 phonemes that the children have already learned in Reception. We would like them to read and write the sounds. Once the children are able to read and write the digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) then they can show us in school to earn a dojo point.

We will also be sending the children home with reading book as in Reception and reading these in school. We need to assess the children after the holidays to determine the best reading book for them and we will make sure all the children have their first reading book by Friday 22nd September.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Burnham

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Supported by: Miss Neale and Mrs Need

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that when the weather is warmer the children bring a sun hat.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Autumn 1

Monday 4th September – Training Day

Tuesday 5th September – Training Day

W/B Monday 11th September- Reception children start - mornings and lunch only

W/B Monday 18th September- Reception children start full time

Friday 22nd September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Friday 29th September – Mufti Day – Wear Green for Lakelands Hospice

W/B 2nd October – Parents' Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Harvest Festival - tbc

Tuesday 10th October – School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18th October - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Friday 20th October school closes to pupils for Half Term

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Monday 30th October – school reopens for pupils