



Hedgehog Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



Welcome to Hedgehog Class!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and that the children are excited to be starting school. I am incredibly impressed with the children on their first day. Thank you all for your support during this time of transition in ensuring that the children have had a seamless start to school. I would also like to say how much I have enjoyed meeting you all and getting to know you, and I look forward to working with you in the year ahead. Hedgehog class is very fortunate to have Mrs Gill, a qualified nursery nurse, as a full-time support assistant.

Children's Learning

The first half term our topic will be 'Superhero Me'. We will be thinking about what makes each child special and making new friends as we explore our new school and classroom. The second half of the term we will be celebrating special events and learning about different festivals in our 'Light it up' topic. We will be learning about how these celebrations bring people together and create a sense of belonging in the community.

We will be using a cross-curricular approach to ensure that learning remains exciting and engaging. It is important for learning to link together and for the children to understand the purpose of their learning. The learning for the autumn term in all areas of the early years framework are highlighted on the class topic web, also on the website.

This term a focus is given to our school values (Love, Respect, Resilience, Hope, Wisdom) and the characteristics of effective teaching and learning. The characteristics are fundamental to all learning and they run through all that we do alongside the school values.

There is a display in the classroom about the characteristics of learning; there is 'have a go mouse', 'persevering tortoise' and the 'thinking pigs'. The characteristics of teaching and learning help the children to understand how they learn and provide them with the vocabulary to talk about their learning.

Time Table

PE this term will take place on **Wednesday**. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit and that all of the PE kit is clearly named

PE Uniform:

- navy blue shorts
- royal blue school logo PE T-shirt
- trainers
- navy blue jogging bottoms and sweatshirt

Home Learning

Phonics is another focus in the autumn term and you will be sent home the handwriting practice sheets of the sounds learnt that week.

Once the children have been introduced to the reading scheme via phonics you will receive a reading book and an online e-book linked to your child's phonic word and sound skills. This is to support your child with phonics and early reading at home. Please sign your reading record when you have read with your child. The Read Write Inc. reading workshop for parents is on **Friday 26th September 9.10am**.

Please check book bags daily. We will frequently send home important messages and letters. If your child has an accident at school, I will try to

inform you at the end of the day. However, there will also be a report form in their book bag.

Class Dojo will inform you of our learning each week.

Class teacher: Mrs Drury

Wed PM – Mrs Dynan

Learning Support Assistant: Mrs Gill

Parent Appointments

It has been good to catch up with some of you at the gate and I have been able to answer several queries. Please ask if you have any questions or concerns, you can send me a message via the office or ask for a phone appointment. I am happy to talk to you and realise how important it is to sort things out promptly.

There will be a parent consultation on Tuesday 21st October 3.15-6pm or Thursday 23rd October 4-7pm.



Reminders

- Please remember named water bottles every day. We ask that these be filled with **water only** and not put in book bags.
- Book bags need to be brought into school daily and checked in the evening, we will frequently send letters and important messages home.
- Milk for snack time can be ordered online (it is free for under 5's but still needs to be ordered.) Snack (fruit or vegetable) is provided by the school.
- Please let us know if your child is going home with someone other than you. There is a clipboard outside the office or you can call/email Mrs Hazzard in the office. We need written permission of the adults collecting.
- Children must have a waterproof coat/jacket at school every day so that we can enjoy the fantastic outdoor learning opportunities, whatever the weather. You can leave this on their peg.
- Half term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October
- End of term Friday 19th December at 1pm.
- Inset days: Friday 24th October, Monday 3rd November.