

## **Hedgehog Class Autumn Term 1 September 2025**

Dear Hedgehog Families,

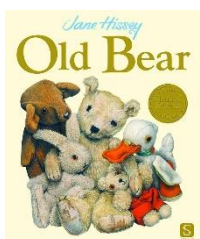


We hope you have all had a lovely summer break. A big welcome or welcome back to you all! We are looking forward to a fantastic Autumn term!

For Reception pupils, lots of our learning will be documented on the Tapestry App so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require any assistance in accessing this.

### **English**

In English this half term we will be focusing on the book 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey.



In the story, a group of much-loved nursery toys discover that their dear friend, Old Bear, has been put away in the attic because he is too fragile to play with. They miss him greatly and decide they must rescue him. Each toy has their own personality and ideas, and together they come up with inventive (and often funny) plans to reach the attic—climbing, balancing, even using a toy aeroplane!

The book highlights friendship, teamwork, problem-solving, and the special bond children have with their toys.

### **Phonics**

The children will be having daily phonics lessons. Your support of listening to your child read at home is greatly appreciated. The books are tailored to cover the sounds your child has learnt.

### **Maths**

This half term, children will focus on building strong foundations in number. In Reception, children will be exploring numbers to 5 in depth – learning to recognise numerals, count objects carefully, compare amounts, and talk about more and fewer. They will also investigate simple patterns, shapes, and positional language through play.



In Year 1, children will be securing their understanding of numbers to 10 – reading, writing, and ordering them, as well as using practical resources to add and subtract small amounts. They will begin to notice number bonds (pairs of numbers that make 5 and 10) and use these to solve simple problems. They will also work on shapes, sorting, and sequencing will help to develop reasoning and problem-solving skills.

### **Science**

In Science we will be learning about the human body, naming different parts and exploring the five senses. We will think about how we use our bodies every day to move, explore, and understand the world around us.

## **Computing**

This half term, children will explore the technology they see and use every day. They will learn how to use a computer safely and responsibly, practise basic mouse and keyboard skills, and begin to understand how technology helps us in our lives.



## **PE**



Children will be having gymnastics lessons every Monday and PE with Mr Reeve every Wednesday. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on Mondays and Wednesdays. For gymnastics, the children will be barefoot. If your child has pierced ears, please help us by removing earrings on these days as we are unable to do this and it is a health and safety requirement.

Thank you for your support with this.

## **Art**

In Art we are learning about sculpture and 3D shapes, children will experiment with building, shaping, and joining to create simple sculptures inspired by the world around them.

## **Music**

In our music lessons we will be learning 'the menu song.' this unit is based around a fun, cumulative song with off-beat rhythms that presents a series of tasty dishes over the course of a week.



## **RE**

In RE we will be following the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus where we will be thinking about what our senses tell us about religion and beliefs.

## **PSHE**

In PSHE we will be thinking about relationships and teamwork.

## **History**

In History, the children will explore their own lives and the lives of others in the past. They will learn about important events in their personal timelines, compare toys, homes, and daily life from the past with those of today and start to use historical vocabulary such as 'then' and 'now'. Through stories, photographs, and artefacts, children will discover how people lived in the past and reflect on how their own experiences are becoming part of history.

***Please remember that named water bottles, book bags, reading books and records, sun hats and rain coats are needed in school every day. If you have any questions, please do ask a member of the Hedgehog Class team, thank you!***