

## Hedgehog Class Spring Term 1 January 2026

Dear Hedgehog Families,

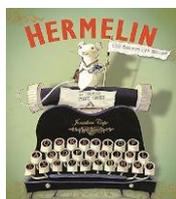


We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break! Last half term was full of lots of festive excitement and the Hedgehogs worked so hard on their nativity performance- they were amazing and we were so proud of them all! We are looking forward to the first half term of 2026!

Lots of our learning will be documented on the Tapestry App for the reception children so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require any assistance in accessing this. We love to see parents interacting with Tapestry and reading the comments you put on the photos!

### **English**

In English this half term we will be focusing on the book 'Hermelin' by Mini Grey.



The story is about a little mouse who notices and finds things others wouldn't. The occupants of Offley Street are delighted when their missing items are found, but not so happy to learn that their brilliant detective is a mouse! What will happen to Hermelin? Will his talents go unrewarded?

### **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, the Year 1 children will focus on place value and then using this knowledge to be able to add and subtract. They will strengthen their understanding of teen numbers onwards, engaging with the two digits and their value.



In Reception, the children will be using lots of practical techniques to engage with mass and capacity, length, height and time. They will also investigate these further through play.

### **Science**

In Science we will be learning about the changes in Winter, investigating in particular ice, freezing and melting and changes that happen in the environment around us when it's cold. We will then move onto planting and animals, learning about what plants and animals need to survive.

### **Computing**

In computing we will be learning about commands, understanding their purpose and then using commands to make simple sequences.



## PE

The children will continue to have PE with Mr Reeve every Wednesday. This half term they will be learning invasion games. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays.



## Forest School

Forest school sessions will start on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January and run every Friday. Please send your child into school in old clothes which can get dirty and suitable clothes to keep them warm such as coats, gloves and hats. Please also send in welly boots for them to change into. We do have some spare boots, if needed.

## Art

In Art we are crafting and designing pieces using wool, learning skills such as winding and weaving. We are also considering the question of Is it Art? and understanding that art takes many different forms and what is considered art to one person may not be to another.

## Music

In music the children will be learning about chants. They will learn and practise chants, developing skills to create and perform their own.



## RE

In RE we will be following the Norfolk Agreed Syllabus where we will be thinking about what we can learn from stories across different religions.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on health and wellbeing, considering methods to help us think positively.

## History

In History we will be learning about toys from the past, and comparing them to modern toys. In particular we will think about our favourite toys and toys which our grandparents may have played with.

***Please remember that named water bottles, book bags, reading books and records, and rain coats are needed in school every day. Now the weather is getting colder and wetter we will be using wellies while in the outdoor area. We do have plenty of pairs of wellies in school but if you would prefer your child to bring in their own to leave at school please make sure they are named. If you have any questions, please do ask a member of the Hedgehog Class team, thank you!***