

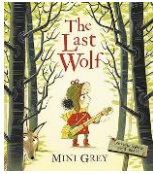
Hedgehog Class Summer Term 2 June 2026

Dear Hedgehog Families,



We hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine!

We have a very busy and exciting half term to look forward to! Much of the children's learning will be shared on the **Tapestry App**, so please do keep checking for updates and photos. We love seeing your comments and hearing about learning from home. If you need any help accessing Tapestry, please do let us know.



Our learning this half term is based on the story ***The Last Wolf by Mini Grey***. This powerful, moving and funny version of Red Riding Hood holds an important message. The story will inspire lots of talking, storytelling, drawing and writing, leading us to explore other traditional tales we all know.

A big focus will be on developing their **early reading and writing skills**, helping them to write independently using the sounds they know and correct letter formation.

In Hedgehogs we focus on the Early Learning Goals as well as the Year 1 curriculum. Our learning is organised to reflect this.

Phonics

The children will continue to take part in **daily phonics sessions**. Thank you for supporting your child by listening to them read at home – this really makes a huge difference. Reading books are carefully matched to the sounds your child has already learned. Year 1 will be taking their phonics screening check the week of the 8th June.



Maths and number

In Reception, children will continue building their confidence with counting, including counting **larger numbers** and using different ways to help them work things out. They will begin to understand which numbers are **bigger or smaller** and will start to recognise **small groups of objects** instantly (without needing to count each one). We will also introduce resources such as a Rekenrek to support their understanding of number.



Year 1 continue with the **White Rose Maths** scheme. They will be learning about **position and direction** (using vocabulary such as left, right, forwards and backwards), recognising coins and notes when learning about **money**, and learning how to tell the **time** focusing on o'clock and half past.

Throughout their learning, children will be encouraged to talk about their ideas and explain how they have worked things out.

Communication and Language (CL)

We will be focusing on **story telling** involving traditional tales and songs. This will help the children to listen and pay attention through our activities.

Understanding the World

The Natural World

We will learn about **seasonal changes**, focusing on summer and will consider how plants develop and grow in the sunshine. We will carry out a **wind investigation**, looking at which materials are strongest, linking to the story of the Three Little Pigs.



People, Culture and Communities

We will be exploring **special places**, considering what makes a special place and the children will build their own models of these. We will also talk about special people and those that help us.

Past and Present

The children will learn about **castles**, comparing them to modern buildings, and consider whether clothing items are from the past or present.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will continue **every Friday**.

Hedgehog Class usually has the first session, so please send your child to school **ready to go outside** after registration.

Children should wear old clothes suitable for the weather, and on sunny days, a sun hat.

Please also send **welly boots** for them to change into (we do have some spare pairs if needed).

Physical Development

This ½ term we will be giving the children opportunities to move confidently and will focus on helping them control small tools such as pencils, scissors and cutlery, building their coordination and strength. They will be lacing, using tweezers and pegging items onto lines.

PE will continue with **Mr Reeve every Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their **PE kit** on this day

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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 warmer your child will need to have a named **sun hat or cap** in school every day. We also ask that children come in with **sunscreen** already applied on sunny days. Most suncreams are now effective for the whole school day. A named tube of sunscreen can be brought into school, but your child will need to be able to apply this for themselves. We will obviously support them if necessary but are unable to apply cream for every child.

If you have any questions, please do ask a member of the Hedgehog Class team, thank you!

Mrs Foster, Mrs Cott and the rest of the Hedgehog team

We focus on **understanding our feelings**, managing ourselves, trying new activities, and playing cooperatively with others.

This includes taking turns and sharing. following simple rules, building positive relationships and showing confidence when trying new activities.

Computing

Year 1 children will be programming **Beebots**, by inputting instructions using directional language.



Expressive Arts and Designs



The children will be creating with a range of materials, with a focus on **texture and collage**. They will design and make maps, puppets and crowns building up to designing and making houses for the Three Little Pigs.

We will also be singing lots of **familiar nursery rhymes and songs** together.