

Hedgehog Class Autumn Term 1 September 2026

Dear Hedgehog Families,

A big welcome or welcome back to you all!



We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to a fantastic Autumn term!

Just a reminder that for Reception children a lot 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.

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.

Communication and Language (CL)



This half term we are focusing on the book 'The Something' by Rebecca Cobb. It is a gentle picture book about a little girl who discovers a mysterious hole in the ground in her garden.

She wonders what might be inside it and imagines all sorts of possibilities. Her curiosity grows as she tries to work out what the "something" could be, leading to a story about imagination, curiosity and the excitement of not knowing.

It's a lovely book for encouraging children to make predictions, ask questions and use their imagination.

Maths and Number

During the Autumn Term, **Reception** children develop a strong understanding of numbers to 5, building confidence with counting, subitising and recognising small quantities without counting. They explore how numbers are composed and develop an understanding that numbers can be made in different ways.



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.

Understanding the World : The Natural World

We will learn about ourselves - drawing self-portraits, labelling facial features and simple body parts as well as recognising the five senses.

People, Culture and Communities

We will be exploring special times including Harvest and Sukkot and learning how people thank God in different cultures.

Past and Present

We will be comparing houses and homes now to what they were like a long time ago. If you have any

photographs or artefacts that you would like to bring in to share will the children we would be very grateful - please speak to a member of the Hedgehog Class team to arrange this.

Physical Development

This ½ term the children will have weekly gymnastics lessons with Michelle starting on **Monday 21st September**. For gymnastics, the children will be barefoot.

PE will continue with **Mr Reeve every Wednesday**.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their **PE kit** on Mondays and Wednesdays. If your child has pierced ears, please help us by removing earrings before school 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.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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 and routines, building positive relationships and showing confidence when trying new activities.

Expressive Arts and Designs



We will be basing a lot of our art learning around the book 'Covered everything in dots and wasn't sorry' by Yayoi Kusama whilst developing our fine and gross motor skills. We will also be singing lots of familiar nursery rhymes and songs together.

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!

Best wishes from

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