Hedgehog Class Autumn Term 2 November 2026



Dear Hedgehog Families,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely half term and have enjoyed all the Halloween celebrations!

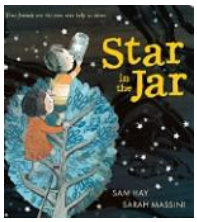
This half term will be jam packed with so many exciting events, especially leading up to Christmas!

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)

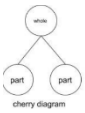


This half term we are focusing on the book 'Star in the Jar' by Sam Hay. It is a warm-hearted bedtime story about a little boy who finds a lost star, learning the value of friendship and letting go. In EYFS we are immersed in sharing books, stories and rhymes, many of which we use as a spark for our Drawing Club sessions. We will be covering a wide range of texts including Binny's Diwali, The Little Hen and the Great War and of course, many Christmas themed stories at this time of year!

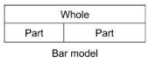
Maths and Number



Over this term, **Reception** children will continue to develop their understanding of number. They will learn skills to spot smaller numbers hiding inside larger ones, hear and join in with number sequences and develop counting skills.

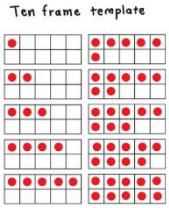


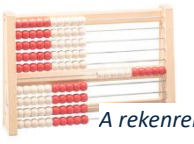
cherry diagram



Bar model

In Year 1, children will be learning about addition and subtraction, using different techniques to support them in finding a total amount or how much is left. They will develop skills in using part-whole models , number lines, ten frames, Rekenreks and identifying the steps needed to solve number problems.




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Understanding the World : The Natural World



We will learn about seasonal changes in Winter by observing and experimenting. The children will compare textures, sounds and temperatures, observe changes to plants in winter, explore changing states such as when ice melts and use weather recording apparatus.

People, Culture and Communities



We will be exploring celebrations around the world including birthdays, Christenings, Weddings, Christmas and Diwali.



Past and Present



We will be comparing Christmas celebrations in the past and the present discussing similarities and differences. We will also find out about Guy Fawkes and why Bonfire Night is celebrated.

Physical Development

This ½ term the children will continue to have weekly gymnastics lessons with Michelle. 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 will continue with development of being part of a class and school community and the routines that keep us safe and successful. The children will learn about personal hygiene, and how routines such as hand washing and catching sneezes in tissues can help to prevent the spread of germs. We will think about different emotions, how they make us feel and how our body can react.

Expressive Arts and Designs

We will be basing a lot of our art learning on our theme of 'What do we celebrate?' where the children will be making items to contribute to our celebration themed role play area. They will be learning about the artist Clarice Cliff and basing their artwork on techniques used by them.
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, and coats are needed in school every day.

Now the weather is colder your child may benefit from also bringing in a warm hat and gloves.

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