



Welcome to Hedgehog Class Autumn Term 1



EYFS:



Our curriculum project this half term is '*Marvellous Me*'. We are so excited to get to know our newest learners and help them settle into school life. We will explore what makes each of them special, look at their likes and dislikes and find out who is in their family. As the term goes on we will also explore the wonders that Autumn has to offer us! We will use a range of adult guided activities and learning through play both indoors and outdoors to access the EYFS curriculum.

Literacy

The children will begin to learn their initial sounds during our Read Write inc. lessons. We will send home links to the Read Write inc. virtual classroom videos. Please watch these with your child to help reinforce their phonics learning at home. We will send home letter formation sheets to help your child write their letters correctly and there will be a parent workshop to explain how phonics is taught at school and how you can support your child's learning at home.

When learning through play, the children will have a wide range of opportunities for mark making where they can apply their newly learnt sounds. We will also be working on forming these letters correctly and helping the children to write their names.

Mathematics

In Maths we will build on the children's previous experiences of number. We will develop the skill of subitising (knowing a number without counting each object) and further embed their counting skills. We will explore the composition of numbers to 5 and begin to compare sets of objects.

When learning through play, the children will have a wide range of opportunities to explore numbers in the environment. We will sing maths songs such as 5 little men, play games such as dominoes and use resources such as Numicon to develop counting accurately. Each day we will also look at our calendar thinking about the days of the week, months of the year and how the weather changes with each season.

Communication and Language

As part of our Marvellous Me topic, we will be finding out what our favourite books are and sharing a range of stories. These books will be available in our book corner for the children to re-read and retell to their friends.

We will also be developing social phrases throughout the day such as 'Good Morning Mrs Riches' during the register and 'Please may I have...' at Snack Time. We will promote talking in full sentences and help to develop the children's self-awareness and independence.

Physical Development

When learning through play, the children will have access to a range of opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

We will be using sensory items such as sand and playdough to help strengthen the children's finger muscles. The children will also have access to larger equipment such as wheelbarrows to push, construction blocks to lift and tyres to roll which will help improve their upper body strength and shoulder muscles.

Personal Social Emotional Development

This term is all about settling in and being happy at school. It is about becoming familiar with the daily routines, becoming confident to ask for help when needed and being a good listener. Our key stories such as Marvellous Me, A handful of buttons and The Colour Monster goes to school will help us discuss and explore some of these themes.

Understanding the World

We are going to be exploring what makes the children the same as each other and what makes them different. We will explore this through small group discussions and looking at photographs from home.

We are also going to be exploring the natural world around them and discuss what seasonal changes they can see as Autumn approaches.

Expressive Arts and Design

As children become familiar with their learning environment, we will provide them with opportunities to develop a storyline in their own play. Our home corner is set up and ready for the children to make their own- it is complete with our class pets who are very excited to meet them!

We will encourage children to notice features in the natural world and help them to define colours, shapes, texture and smells in their own words. This will help them as they explore our creative area and become artists and inventors!

Other Notes:

PE this term is on a Friday morning. Please remember children will need to come to school wearing their kit.

Wood school takes place on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings a puddle suit/waterproof clothing and wellies to put over their normal school uniform.

Reading: Please share books with your child on a regular basis at home, we will send home a reading for pleasure book for you to read. Later in the term the children will begin to bring home phonics books. We will also upload phonics videos on Seesaw for you to share at home.

Seesaw: We will document your child's learning on Seesaw (this has replaced Tapestry). We love to see what you have been up to at home as this helps us to build up an overall learning journey for your child. Please upload experiences from home so we can talk to your child about this at school. Please also feel free to message us on here too!

We are looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term ahead!