



Welcome to Hedgehogs Class Spring Term 3



EYFS:



Our curriculum project this half term is '*Wonderful Winter*'. We will explore and observe the world around us to see what magic Mother Nature has in store for us! We will use a range of adult guided activities and learning through play both indoors and outdoors to access the EYFS curriculum. We hope you all had a wonderful break over the holidays, and we can't wait to welcome the children back for another exciting half term!

Literacy The children will continue to learn their sounds during our Read Write inc. lessons. We are going to focus on the 'special friends' 'ch,th,sh,qu, nk, ng' concentrating on spotting them and reading them in words. You will become familiar with the phraseology 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word'. 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 continue to send home sound blending books or Ditty Sheets, we ask that you read these with your child everyday and record this in their reading diaries. When learning through play, the children will have a wide range of opportunities for mark making where they can apply their newly learnt sounds and begin to write these in words.	Mathematics In Maths we will build on the children's previous experiences of number. We will continue to 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 10 and compare sets of objects using language such as more and less. We will be working hard on our number formation- this is something we'd be grateful if you can practise at home. Through the use of our key texts we will also explore maps (paper and digital) and talk about how we can use these to plan a journey. 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 10 green bottles, play games such as bingo and use resources such as Numicon to develop counting accurately.
Communication and Language As part of our Wonderful Winter topic, we will be finding out about lots of different polar animals and sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. These books will be available throughout our classroom for the children to re-read and retell to their friends. We will also be exposing the children to lots of new language and encourage the children to use this new vocabulary within their play. We will revisit some of the key vocabulary that we learnt last term to ensure it is embedded. The children are getting really good at talking in full sentences and we are going to continue developing our talk partner skills where we show our friends good listening whilst they're speaking.	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 a range of sensory items such as aqua beads and equipment such as pipettes and tweezers to help strengthen our fingers. We will be using the bikes, large construction blocks and climbing equipment to strengthen our upper bodies. The children will continue to have their PE lessons with Mrs Vaughan on a Friday.
Personal Social Emotional Development The children are all so settled and happy to be at school. They are familiar with the daily routines, confident to ask for help when needed and are confident to explore all aspects of our EYFS environment. With the weather getting colder this term we are going to encourage the children to do up zips and buttons on coats and practise putting their own gloves and puddle suits on independently.	Understanding the World We will continue to observe the changing seasons and look at how this impacts the natural world around them. I wonder if we will get to experience any snow?! Our Key Texts for this term are <i>Lost and Found</i> by Oliver Jeffers and <i>The Emperors Egg</i> . Both texts explore animals in the South Pole. We will compare these animals to animals in our gardens. We will also be using clips from David Attenborough's <i>Frozen Planet</i> .
Expressive Arts and Design The children will continue to have opportunities to develop a storyline in their own play through the use of our role play area which will be transformed into an airport so they can jet off to the South Pole. Later in the term it will become a snowy world with our very own igloo where the children can pretend to be polar explorers. There will also be lots of opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom to get creative! This is an area the children all love and it's wonderful to see the collaborative learning that takes place when creating their masterpieces!	Other Notes: PE this term is on Friday morning. Please remember children will need to come to school wearing their kit. Forest school takes place on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has adequate outdoor clothing and footwear to be kept in school. 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, ensure you bring your books to school each day. We will upload phonics videos on Seesaw for you to share at home. SeeSaw: We will document your child's learning on SeeSaw. 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.