



Welcome to Hedgehogs' Class Spring Term 4



Our curriculum project this half term is 'Ready, Set, Grow'. We will explore and observe the world around us thinking about the lifecycle of plants and observe the changes that happen in spring! 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, as the term goes on we will continue to revisit 'special friends' where two letters make one sound and read some longer four and five sound words. We will also be reading more tricky words such as 'the, I, my' etc where the children have to learn these by rote. In Read Write Inc. we call these red words.

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 Ditty Sheets and when the children are ready, we will move onto Red Books. We ask that you read these with your child every day 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. We will also be working on forming these letters correctly.

Mathematics

In Maths we have noticed the children's speed build up when subitising and they are becoming more confident when using mathematical language to explain their reasoning. Their accuracy when counting objects is wonderful and they have loved exploring measuring.

We will continue to explore the composition of numbers to 10 and compare sets of objects using language such as more, less and fewer. We will be working hard on our number formation- this is something we'd be grateful if you can practise at home. We will also continue to practice our Number bonds to 5 so the children can become fluent and speedy at recalling these.

When learning through play, the children will have a wide range of opportunities to explore numbers in the environment. We will sing maths songs daily, play games such as bingo and use resources such as Numicon to develop counting accurately.

Communication and Language

As part of our new topic, we will be sharing a range of stories, both fiction and non-fiction. These books will be available in our book corner for the children to re-read and retell to their friends.

We will be reading texts such as Jack and the Beanstalk, The Runaway Pea and Sam Plants a Sunflower to discuss how things grow. We will be using these stories to help connect ideas and describe some events in detail.

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 and equipment such as elastic bands and tweezers to help strengthen our fingers.

We will be using the bikes, large construction blocks and climbing equipment to strengthen our upper bodies. In PE we will be using rackets and practising some ball games.

Personal Social Emotional Development

Last term the children worked hard on developing their self-awareness and independence. We will continue to promote talking in full sentences and focus on showing resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. We will also be thinking about how our actions through our body language, tone of voice and what we say impact on how other people feel. We will also start to look at our school values in readiness for the children to access assemblies next half term.

Understanding the World

We will continue to observe the changing seasons and look at how this impacts the natural world around them. We are so lucky with our outside space, and the birds are loving all the TLC they received last half term! Soon we will be visiting Waterside Garden Centre to buy some seeds to plant in our allotment and some herbs for our mud kitchen. We will also be celebrating events such as World Book Day, hosting a Mother's Day workshop and having an Easter party.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term we are going to be going on a trip to Waterside Garden Centre. The children will continue to have opportunities to develop a storyline in their own play by using our role play area which will be transformed into a Farm Shop and Garden Centre after our trip.

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. We will be focusing on adding more detail to our artwork and be doing some observational drawings of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Other Notes:

PE 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 and phonics book for you to read.

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. Please also feel free to message us on here too!