

## Communication and language

This term we will be focusing on listening carefully and why listening is important.  
We will be learning new vocabulary linked to animals.  
We will be engaging in non-fiction books and we will listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

## Understanding the World

We will be learning to identify and name common animals.  
We will be learning about herbivores and carnivores  
We will be learning what Teams we belong to.  
We will be learning to name parts of the body.  
We will be learning about people who help us.  
We will be finding signs of autumn.

## Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This term we will be learning to understand and follow the rules and settle into routines of the class.  
We will also have a focus on managing our own toileting needs and the importance of hand washing.

## Physical Development

We will be having weekly P.E to help develop our agility, balance and co-ordination. This term we will be focussing on animal gymnastics  
We will be focusing on using our pencil to correctly form letters.

## Literacy

We will be beginning our daily phonics sessions with a focus recognising phase 2 sounds. (s,a,t,p i m n d g o c k c k e u r h b f l ff ll ss j v w x)  
We will also be beginning our shared reading sessions within class with a focus on reading a shared text as a small group.  
We will be working on a class animal fact book, which we will all contribute to.  
We will also be learning to use our new class library!

## Mathematics

We will be learning to recognise and represent numbers 1, 2,3,4,5  
We will be learning to order numbers and count using 1:1 correspondence.  
We will be learning to find how many, to subitise and to compare groups.



## Expressive Art and Design

We will be performing songs and rhymes  
We will be learning to draw our own self-portraits.  
We will be colour mixing and learning to use a paintbrush.

## RE

We will be learning about Harvest and how different people and religions celebrated harvest over the world. We will also be learning about what it means to belong to a faith community.

Welcome to Hedgehogs Class! We have a very busy term ahead.....

PE - Please make sure your child has a P.E kit in school every day. (Please check to make sure that all items of uniform are labelled.)

Toys - It would be appreciated if you could discourage your child from bringing toys to school, as they can sometimes cause unnecessary distractions and on occasions upset if a favourite item is lost or damaged. We would however encourage children to bring in any awards, medals, photographs etc. so we can celebrate achievements/events outside of school.

Drop off - Please encourage children to come in independently in the mornings.

Outdoor Clothing - Children will need wellies in school to take part in our outdoor learning sessions when it gets muddy.

Reading - Children in Reception will initially be given a book with no words to tell their own stories. Once children are able to recognise sounds and blend they will be given a decodable book to practise with at home. Once a child is fluent with the book they will be given a new one. Children will also be able to select a book from the class library each week to share with parents. I will be holding a parents meeting to discuss this further.

Should you have any thoughts, contributions or concerns - please do not hesitate to leave a message with the school office so that I may arrange a mutually convenient appointment to meet with you.

Thanks and best wishes,

J. Burrows