



## AUTUMN 2022 NEWSLETTER (November '22)

### YEAR 1 HEDGEHOGS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new Term. We hope you have had an enjoyable break and enjoyed the festivities! In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via Classdojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

As you are aware, our new school values are Respect, Community and Resilience. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Miss Carter, Mrs Pitcher

### Term 2 Learning

#### Summary

Our curriculum content is underpinned by the Essential Curriculum model by Chris Quigley. The children are immersed in a curriculum that is coherent, progressive and appropriately sequenced to enable the development of subject-specific knowledge and skills to prepare them for the next stages of their education.

**English:** Throughout this term we will be continuing to focus on independent sentence writing and moving onto forming short narratives. We will be exploring many traditional stories to inspire our writing. The children have engaged brilliantly with 'Talk for Writing' and we will be continuing with these strategies to help learn and retell stories. We will also be reading 'The Night Before Christmas' and using this story to help us to appreciate rhymes and poems.

**Phonics:** In our Phonics lessons this term we will be continuing to learn alternative sounds. The sounds and additional words to practice will be sent out weekly via Class Dojo. Please be sure to practice reading of the tricky words. You may use these words to aid handwriting practice too.

	Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	/ur/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn	their people oh your
Week 2	/oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he	Mr Mrs Ms ask*
Week 3	/ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /ool/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute	could would should our
Week 4	/ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /or/ aw claw	house mouse water want
Week 5	Grow the code: /igh/ ie i i-e /ai/ ay a a-e /oa/ oa o o-e /ee/ e ie e-e ea /oo/ /yoo/ ew u-e u ue	

**Maths:** Our topics this term are addition and subtraction and shape. We will be continuing to use our number bond knowledge to support us when adding and subtracting. When looking at shape, we will investigate a variety of 2D and 3D shapes, naming them and identifying their properties, sorting them and exploring patterns.

**Science:** We will be continuing to look at humans and living things by exploring how we know if something is living, dead or non-living and how humans need a healthy, balanced diet. We will then be exploring electrical circuits towards the end of the term.

**R.E:** Our topic this term is Incarnation. We will be learning about Jesus' birth and life. We will study the Nativity story and learn why this is important for Christians. The children will also be encouraged to think about what they are thankful for at Christmas and why it is a special time of year for them.

**History:** We will be learning about the significant events of The Gun Powder Plot and The Battle of Hastings.

**Geography:** We will be learning about the countries in the United Kingdom - England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**Music:** During our Music lessons this term we will be learning our Nativity songs for our performance of Hey Ewe!

**Art and DT:** During our Art lessons we will be studying the artist Paul Cezanne. The children will be introduced to DT and building structures.

**PSHE:** Our topic this term is Celebrating Differences. We will be learning about our similarities and celebrating our differences, we will be learning about what bullying is and why it happens, showing kindness, learning how it feels to make new friends and understanding that our differences make us special and unique.

**P.E:** We are very lucky this term, Mrs Hunt will be teaching our dance lessons on a Thursday. The topic Mrs. Hunt will be basing her dance lessons on will be - Superheroes!

### **Help your child with their learning**

**Reading:** In order to become a confident reader, it is important that your child has plenty of practice reading at home. Children should be reading every day. The practice books are the correct level for your child. This will enable them to develop fluency without significant help. There will be two opportunities for your child to have their book changed - on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. Please ensure your child's practice book and reading record is brought into school each day.

After your child has read the book, it is valuable to talk about the book. Please discuss the illustrations and characters in the story. Inside the front cover of the book you will find many helpful tips and hints on questions to ask your child.

**Maths:** Please practice number formation at home as often as you can. I have noticed that some numbers are being written the wrong way around. It is common for children to form the numbers: 2, 3 and 5 around the wrong way. Regular practice at home will help to rectify this.

**Additional information:**

Please do feel free to come and see us after school or make an appointment with the school office if you have any queries. You are also welcome to send us a message via Class Dojo and we will respond to you as soon as we are able to. Please note that Miss Carter is in class Monday to Thursday and Mrs. Pitcher teaches on a Friday. Please direct Class Dojo messages to the correct person on these days otherwise your message may not be received/acted upon. Thank you for your continued support.

I would like to add a thank you to our wonderful FOSS team. Thank you for the hard work that has been put into improving many spaces across the school, it is truly appreciated. We are looking forward to another exciting term!

**Key dates/information**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week and Interfaith Week. Odd Socks Day.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Non-Uniform Day for Christmas donations.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Parent Consultations (more information to follow).

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Nativity outfits to be in school (more details to follow).

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity 1:45pm.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity 9:30am.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime Trip to Woodville Halls.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – FOSS Disco 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Party (in school time).

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day and Elf Day.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term (1.30pm finish).