



AUTUMN 2022 NEWSLETTER (November '23)

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.

A reminder that our school values are Resilience, Community and Respect. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Miss Carter and Mrs Warner

Term 2 Learning

Summary

A weekly update will be shared with you every Friday to give you details of what we have been learning throughout the week. This update will sometimes include helpful hints, tips and videos to promote revision and conversations with your child at home.

English: This term we will be continuing to focus on independent sentence writing and moving onto forming short narratives. We will be exploring many stories throughout the term to inspire our writing. Our first story will be, Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper and we will be learning how to write a set of instructions. The children have engaged brilliantly with 'Talk for Writing' and we will be continuing with these strategies to help learn and retell stories. Towards the end of term, we will 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 /ool/ /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 /ool/ /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 /ool/ /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, and our big question is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'. 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!

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, Miss. Patrick will be teaching our dance lessons on a Tuesday.

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, and they should be able to read it **without overly blending** and decoding. This will enable them to **develop fluency** without significant help. 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:

A reminder to make sure everything is named, this includes (as the weather gets colder) hats, scarves, gloves and any new coats.

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.

Key dates/information

Term 2 is always a very fun and busy time for Year 1. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for up-to-date information.

Monday 6th – Monday 13th November – Sponsored read,

Monday 20th November & Thursday 23rd November – Parent consultations (more information to follow).

Wednesday 29th November – School Nativity outfits in (more details to follow).

Wednesday 6th December – Woodville Halls Pantomime trip.

Friday 8th December – Christmas jumper today (donations for save the children)

Monday 11th December – Nativity 2:00pm (Must have tickets).

Tuesday 12th December – Nativity 9:30am (Must have tickets).

Wednesday 13th December – Elf Day and Christmas dinner day.

Monday 18th December – Church Christmas Service 10am.

Wednesday 20th December – End of term (1.30pm finish).

Thank you, as always, for your continued hard work and support.

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