

Things to Remember...

- This term, our **PE sessions will take place on Tuesdays**. Please send children to school wearing their (outdoor) PE kit which they can wear for the whole day.
- Please ensure children bring their reading book and reading log to school every day.
- Please send your child in with a full (named) water bottle every day.
- When it is cold, please ensure you send your child to school with a coat, hat and scarf to keep warm!
- Reception will continue to do Forest School on Thursdays. Please make sure children wear old warm clothes and bring waterproofs and wellies.

Please come and speak to myself and Mrs Curran if you have any questions or queries, however big or small, we will do our best to help.

Reception Forest School

Forest School will continue on Thursday afternoons. Reception children will be attending Forest School with our forest school teachers Katie and Toby. Please send children to school dressed in old warm clothes and waterproofs. There is no such thing as bad weather!

Tapestry – Reception Children

We will continue to share your child's learning experiences on their Tapestry account. We love to read comments from you as well as the things your child says when talking about what they see.

Please try and upload photographs of things you get up to at home. We love sharing your posts and home learning with the children at school.

We would like to welcome Mrs Blackburn who will be covering Hedgehogs on a Wednesday as Class teacher.

Homework

In Early years and Key stage 1 we do not send home homework, however we encourage regular reading as this helps with blending and segmenting our sounds. Please continue to use your phonics flashcards (sent home at Christmas) to practice tricky words that are learnt on sight.

Weekly Bulletin

Please ensure you read the weekly bulletin which is sent to you on Fridays. This will have key information about upcoming events for your child's class.

Dates for your diary:

25.1.23 – Hedgehog Trip to Cumnor House

Hedgehogs Class

Curriculum Information

Terms 3 & 4



Class Teacher: Miss Millgate
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Curran
Wednesday Cover Teacher: Mrs Blackburn

Mathematical Development

Our main focus for Terms 3 and 4 will be number and counting.

Reception – We will continue to work on their accurate counting and knowledge of number. We will be finding pairs of numbers, looking at odd and even numbers and identifying one more and one less than a given number.

Year 1 – We will be looking at volume and capacity.

Please help your child at home by spotting numbers and counting things everywhere you go!

Reception Phonics -We will continue to learn the individual letter sounds, following the Rocket Phonics scheme. We will be practising our segmenting and blending skills for reading and writing. Please try to read with your child as often as you can.

We are learning to recognise 'tricky words' such as: the, he, she, to, go, no. These words can not be blended using phonics and therefore children must learn to sight read them.

Hedgehogs

Curriculum Information

**Spring
2023**

Year 1 Phonics –Phonic sessions will continue to happen daily with all year 1 children being taught together. The children will be consolidating their digraph knowledge, and are now moving onto alternative spellings for sounds. Such as ai, ay, a_e, a. On Fridays we will continue to focus on reading and spelling tricky words.

Language and Literacy

We will begin the term by exploring The Marvellous Moon Map. We will be using the text and illustrations to practise our inference and predicting skills. We will continue to use Grandma Fantastic, to introduce us to lots of exciting vocabulary and broaden the children's understanding of language. Reception children will begin to verbally construct responses to the text and begin to apply their phonic knowledge to record words and sentences.

We will continue developing our small hand muscles using fine motor tasks to ensure we are ready to write. Year one children will continue to focus on writing sentences with increasing independence. They will begin to include a range of vocabulary and punctuation to further extend their writing.

PSED

In PSED we will be exploring our Dreams and Goals. We will talk about the importance of resilience and determination. We work on our team skills and helping one another to achieve a shared goal.

RE

During term 3 we will be thinking about the wonderful world around us and will learn about the Christian story of creation and talk about why God is important to Christians.

Physical Development

In PE this term, we will be focussing on gymnastics. We will be learning to travel and balance using different body parts. We will be using different movements and combining these to create sequences.

Art

This term, our focus will be exploring tools and techniques to manipulate dough and clay. The children will design their own tile using play dough and then create a final piece using clay.

Our Project is... Danger

In Term 3, our focus question will be 'What can we learn from a map?' We will be exploring maps of the world, the UK and the local area. We will be learning how to use a map and what their key features are including: symbols, compass, and a key. We will be creating our own maps of cities and our local village and look at the landmarks in those areas. Linking to DT, we will be making dishes, including a Banoffee Pie and scones, and finding out their country of origin. We will also be exploring our making skills by creating a London landmark using a range of materials. We will talk about the Dangers around us and hope to be visited by the local fire brigade!

In Term 4, we will focus on the Poles and discuss the question: "What are the dangers of global warming?" We will continue to analyse and compare sources including pictures and videos and be asking and answering questions about them.