



# Welcome to Hedgehogs 2024-25

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so lovely to be welcoming all the children back to school and into Hedgehog class for what I hope will be an exciting and busy year ahead. Please find below some helpful information which will hopefully clarify any questions you may have and give you an insight into the term ahead.

### Staffing:

**Class teachers:** Mrs Hobbs (Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs am, Fri) & Mrs Peckham (Thurs pm)

**Teaching assistant:** Mrs Shergold (mornings) Mrs Plant/Mrs Patience (afternoons)

*\*Year 2 - Maths, Science /Spellings will be taught by Miss Annels.*

### What does my child need to bring?

-All stationery your child requires will be provided by the school.

Each day, your child will need:

-Water bottle - Waterproof coat -Reading record and book




\* Throughout the year we will be making the most of our outdoor areas and exploring the school grounds, therefore at times this may result in children getting a little muddy so please ensure you send them in with an old coat (not one that is expensive or precious). We do have aprons to protect school uniform but these will not fit over coats when it is cold and damp.

Please ensure that all belongings are named.

PE Days will be on a Monday and Wednesday for the first half term. Please can you child wear their PE kit to school on these days.

### What will my child be learning? Autumn Curriculum Coverage:

<b>Topic titles</b>	Toys Through Time Amazing Animals!	Where We Live! Performing Puppets
<b>Maths</b>	Year one - Place Value to 10, Addition and Subtraction within 10 and Shape Year two - Place value to 100, Addition and Subtraction within 20 and Shape	
<b>English</b>	Autumn 1 Fiction - Character description The Squirrels that Squabbled by Rachel Bright Amara and the Bats by Emma Reynolds (linked to science)  Poetry - I'm Angry by Michael Rosen	Autumn 2 Fiction - Setting description The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark By Jill  The Snowflake by Benji Davis  Poetry - Riddles

	Non Fiction - Recount writing	Non Fiction - instructions for making puppet linked to DT
Vipers (reading comprehension)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grandad's Island by Benji Davis</li> <li>Ravi's Roar by Tom Percival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Smallest Girl in the Class by Justin Roberts</li> <li>Stanley's Stick by John Hegley and Neal Layton</li> </ul>
Religious Education	Autumn 1 <b>Christianity</b> <b>Creation</b> Q: Who made the world? <b>Viewpoint:</b> Thankfulness	Autumn 2 <b>Christianity</b> <b>Incarnation</b> Q: Why does Christmas Matter to Christians? <b>Viewpoint:</b> Mary's story
Science	Autumn 1 Year one - Amazing Animals and Exploring Autumn Year two - Materials	Autumn 2 Year one - Exploring Autumn and Plants Year two - Animals- What do they need to survive and thrive?
Geography and History	History - Toys Through Time	Geography - Where do I live?
Music	Dance, Sing and Play - Understanding and use pitch.	Exploring Sounds - High and low sounds, long and short sounds.
P.E	 Monday coaching from Wimborne Tennis Club Wednesday coaching from BRS coaching	Wednesday coaching from BRS coaching (second session to be confirmed)
Art	Seasonal Drawing Artist - Georgia O'Keefe	
Design technology	Making Puppets - (linked to Christmas)	
Computing	Purple mash- Online safety and technology around us Teach computing - programming a moving robot	
PSHE	Autumn 1  Me and my relationships, establishing class rules and learning together.	Autumn 2  Valuing Difference
Parent Share	A trip down memory lane!	Puppet show - A Christmas Tale!

I will send out more details in the coming weeks of the exciting events planned for Hedgehogs, including dates for the parents shares this term.

### How can I help at home?

#### Reading:

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. Please sign their reading log to detail what they have been reading. These will be collected in on a Monday. We encourage the children to read at home at least three times a week.



#### Spellings:

Your child will be assessed, in a fun and friendly way, on their spellings words on a Tuesday and their new list will be shared on the same day. The list for year one will comprise of three words which will be red words from Read Write Inc. The words are from the National Curriculum word list that children need to

know by the end of the year, we are starting early but there will be lots of opportunity to practice. In year two children will have six words, four linked to the weekly spelling rule and two common exceptional words (words that are tricky to spell).

Your child will bring their first set of spellings home on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Class Dojo:**

Your child has been assigned to Hedgehogs on Class Dojo for the new academic year. We look forward to continuing to use this platform to share your child's learning and celebrate their successes!



**Volunteers:** If you are able to kindly offer your time, please let me know.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Parent consultation meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. This will provide an excellent opportunity to share how your child has settled in. I hope you will be able to attend.

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

Best wishes,

Mrs Tracy Hobbs