



Welcome to Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers



Throughout the year we will be covering many different topics and amazing you with our learning. To help you know more about what is happening, we have put together an overview of the first half term.

Staff in Hedgehogs:

Class Teacher: Miss Willer

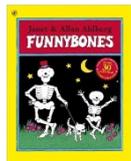
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cavanagh, Mrs Rush and Mrs Sparkes (shared between both classes)

Staff in Woodpeckers:

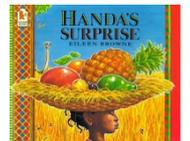
Class Teacher: Miss Clarke

Teaching assistants: Mrs Feavearyear, Mrs Rush and Mrs Sparkes (shared between both classes)

Our starting topic is 'All About Me'



We will be reading *Funnybones*, *Okki-Tokki-Unga*, *Peace at Last*, *Where's Wally*, *100 Things to Spot*, *Handa's Surprise*, *All About Faces* and *Oliver's Fruit Salad*.



Each week will be based on one of the above books and will form our structure for the week. We will also be practising handwriting and pencil control, and punctuation and grammar each week.



We will be looking at number recognition, counting in steps of 1 and 2, writing numerals in order, addition, subtraction, measure, shape, money and problem solving.

In topic we will be learning about our 5 senses, what they are and how we use them. This will be linked to our body and health, and what types of food and drink are good and bad for us! We will be using books, the internet, photographs and other methods to find out more about our topic.

We are going to explore the school, sketching and creating maps and guides to help us get to know our environment better.



In PE we are going to be working on spatial awareness, using mats, benches, small horses and moving to music.



We will be using digital cameras, iPads and laptops in our learning, working in our inside and outside learning environment and most of all having fun while we learn, do and play!

Classroom Information

In each class there is a tray for reading books. Please encourage your child to put their reading book and record in the tray if you want it to be changed. When you have listened to your child read, sign or leave a comment in their reading record so we know they have shared it at home.



On a Friday your child will bring home a 'Learning at Home' folder. It will contain information about what is happening in school, activities we have been doing and suggestions of things you may want to do at home. Please make sure the folder is returned on the following Wednesday and placed in the marked box, even if you have not put anything in for that week.



On a Thursday your child will visit the school library in a small group to select a book to take home. They will only get to do this if they have a book bag to keep the book safe and have returned their book from the previous week, so please send in the library book on a Thursday.



PE happens throughout the week so please can you bring your child's PE kit in on a Monday and we will send it home on a Friday. The PE kit needs: white t-shirt, dark shorts, plimsolls, a jumper and trainers. **All must be labelled with your child's name.**

We have PE on a Monday and Friday, but this can change at short notice so we ask for kits to be in school all week!

We have a water fountain in the corridor, but you may wish to provide your child with a water bottle that can be left on the tray in your child's classroom - please label it with their name!



The government fund a piece of fruit per child each day. We do not have control on what this is and it's a long time between breakfast and lunch! As such you may want to provide your child with a piece of fruit (labelled with their name) and they can put it in the tray in the classroom.

Each classroom has a menu for that week's school dinners, so please take the time to look at it with your child and put their name cards in the appropriate boxes according to their dinner option. If they are home packed lunch your child can place their lunch box on the shelves in the corridor.



Parents and carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles, older brothers and sisters and any other helpers are always welcome! Please talk to your child's class teacher to organise a time.

If you have anything at home you think would support our learning or our topics, please encourage your child to bring it in to 'share' with their class.



We are always here so if you have any questions or worries please come in and see us at the end of the day.

We want your child to be happy as much as you do, and we look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Willer and Miss Clarke