



Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers



Welcome to 'Hedgepeckers'!

We are looking forward to getting to know you all better in the coming year.

We just wanted to remind you that we want your child to be happy and thrive in school life as much as you do. If you have anything you want to share with us, questions or worries, please come and speak to us directly.

Every half term you will receive a curriculum overview that will give you a brief description of the learning your child will have access to. We value your input so if you have any thing at home that can support our learning please let us know.

The Three Little Pigs



With all of the building work going on around us, construction seemed an obvious choice to begin our first adventure. The 3 Little Pigs are going to guide us through a range of stories, helping us to understand characters' points of view, settings and story patterns. However, be ready for them to build alternatives to houses and the wolf himself may lead us to a different view of these three construction workers.

Our Science topic is 'Materials' that we will be exploring practically. We will be investigating suitability of materials for blowing, building and flying, and linking our scientific discoveries to our Design Technology construction work. Mondrian will inspire our art work and help in creating some individual houses. As we look at houses for specific climates we will look at the typical English summer and what the weather is like, what happens to the plants and wildlife around us and how summer differs from other seasons.

We will be utilising the real life construction site and going for visits to see what happens on the site. Our role play area will be our own construction site where we will learn how to use real tools.

We will be introducing and consolidating our understanding of numbers to 10 by reading, writing and ordering them. We will also develop our understanding of place value and the concept of individual numbers, for example: what 6 looks like, that it's 1 more than 5 and 1 less than 7, double is 12, half is 3, and we will explore the different numbers you can add together to make 6.

Invasion games, spatial awareness and basic skills will guide our physical development lessons. Finger gym activities have already been planned to help develop the pincer grip and strengthen wrist control in a range of fun and creative activities.

Woodpeckers and Hedgehogs will have PE on Mondays, and Wednesdays (Hedgehogs) and Thursdays (Woodpeckers).

They will need a clearly labelled PE kit in school that includes a plain white t-shirt, shorts and indoor trainers AND a tracksuit and outdoor trainers. Please provide a small, named PE bag. Back packs are very bulky on the pegs - drawstring PE bags fit better.



New beginnings will be our theme for PSHE and help us to develop rules for the classroom and school to keep ourselves and others safe and happy.

Through using iPads and laptops, we will learn some basic coding skills and explore many different apps and programs.

We are excited about our new topic!

The school has a well-stocked library and each week your child will have the opportunity to visit the library and select a book to bring home and share. If you would be interested in helping with our library sessions, please come in and talk to us. We are always grateful for any support in this classroom whether this is a regular morning or afternoon or the odd occasion when you are free. If you are able to support us with our learning, please let us know.

Thank you

Mrs Clarke, Mrs Birkinshaw, Miss Willer

Mrs Mills, Mrs Rush, Mrs Sparkes, and Mrs Cavanagh and Mrs Collis