



Information for the Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers R/1 classes

Here are some snippets of information to let you know about the things we will be doing in our classes this term.

In Maths we are looking at numbers, addition and subtraction, time and comparing lengths.

In English we are looking at letter formation, labels, lists and captions. We will also be looking at instructions, postcards and story writing.

Subject	Our main topic this term is PIRATES
Science	Keeping healthy and animals
History	Famous pirates
Geography	Oceans and continents
Computing	Coding, including Bee Bots
Art	Self-portraits and sea scenes
PE	Basic skills using a range of equipment
DT	Junk modelling building and treasure chests
PSHE	Class rules, getting to know each other and exploring feelings.
RE	Using our senses to explore religion
Music	Using a range of instruments.



Learning at Home

Learning at home activities:

We will be posting suggested home learning activities on Class Dojo.

Reading:

Please listen to your child read as often as possible, and sign the reading record sheet each time, adding a comment only if you would like to. Research shows that children who regularly read at home make greater progress, and sharing books can really enhance your child's bank of ideas for story-writing. It is also a lovely way to spend time together.

On a Friday, we will allocate books for children that will then be quarantined over the weekend. Your child will then bring these home on Monday for you to keep until Thursday, when you may return them to school to be changed for the following week.

Extreme Reading!:

Normally, we have 'Author of the term' and ask the children to read a book written by said author. However, this term, due to the current situation, we would like the children to do something different and take photographs of themselves reading their school book in weird and wonderful places! The best pictures will be chosen to go on display in the Heart Space in school!

Spellings: Year 1s only

Each week your child will be given six spellings to learn for their phonics group. Most children find that using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method works well. Evidence of knowing spellings will be found within the children's work rather than through a test. At times, some of the words may prove easy for your child. You can extend their word skills by playing word games with them, such as Hangman, Scrabble and anagram games.

Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers both have PE on Monday and Wednesday.

They will need a clearly labelled kit to include: 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, and drawstring PE bags fit better.

PE kits stay in school for the whole half term.



Water and snack.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle with water in it, in class every day. Keeping hydrated has been shown to be beneficial for health and well-being. The children will be offered a piece of fruit every day; however, we have no control over what that fruit is. Please feel free to provide your child with an additional fruit snack in case they do not like the fruit provided.

Uniform

Can we please remind everyone that children need to be wearing correct uniform, including black school shoes - trainers can only be worn in school for PE lessons. Nail varnish and jewellery (including wristbands) need to be removed for school. If your child has pierced ears they can wear stud earrings; however, these need to be removed before PE lessons, and staff are unable to assist with this. It is easier not to wear earrings on PE days.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child please feel free to telephone the office (01379 642628) or email (office@roydon.norfolk.sch.uk).

Thank you

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