



## Information for the Autumn Term 2021

### 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 reading The Jolly Postman and linking our writing to this. We will be responding to illustration, using drama and role-play, story-mapping, using story boxes, taking part in shared writing, storytelling, bookmaking, discussing and debating, writing in role.*

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Our main topic this term is Superheroes</b>
Science	everyday materials
History	inspirational people and black history
Geography	map work and our local area
Computing	coding, including Bee Bots
Art	art work inspired by Kandinsky using different media including clay
PE	basic skills, ball skills and athletics
DT	design and make a mode of transport
PSHE	class rules, getting to know each other and health and wellbeing
RE	belonging and Christianity
Music	using a range of instruments and using voices expressively. .

### 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 book 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 and send them home for you to enjoy together. Please keep these book until Thursday when you may return them to school to be changed and returned to you on Friday.

### Spellings: Year 1s only

Each week your child will be given 5-8 spellings to learn for their phonics group; these will be set on a Friday and tested on the following Thursday. We will post the spellings on Class Dojo. Most children find that using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method works well. 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 Wednesday and Thursday.**

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](mailto:office@roydon.norfolk.sch.uk)).

Thank you  
Hedgepecker Team