

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 over view for the first half term.

Staff in Hedgehogs: Teaching staff: Mrs Clarke & Miss Beckett	Staff in Woodpeckers: Teaching staff: Miss Souter Learning Support Assistant: Mrs Cavanagh
Mrs Rush and Mrs Sparks are teaching assistants working in both rooms.	

Our starting topic is 'All About Me and My Friends'

We are going to be reading 'I am too absolutely small for school', 'Spot's Birthday Party', 'It all makes sense', 'This is our house' and 'Why wash?!' Each week will be based on one of the above books and will form our structure for the week.

We are going to be looking at number recognition, counting in step's of 1 and 2, writing numerals in order, addition, subtraction, measure and shape!

In science 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 are going to explore the school and the local area, sketching and creating maps to help us get to know our environment better.

We are going to compare our environment and homes to other parts of the world.

We will be using books, the internet, photographs and other methods to find out more.

In PE we are going to be working on spatial awareness and basic ball skills such as moving, travelling and aiming at a target.

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 put your child's reading book and record in the tray if you want it to be changed. When you have listened to your child 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 you may want to do at home. Please can you 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.

Each week your child will get to use the school library. On a Thursday your child will visit the library in small groups and 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 a water fountain in the corridor but you may wish to provide your child with a water bottle which can be left on the tray in your child's classroom – please label with their name! The government fund a piece of fruit per child we do not have control on what this is and it's a long time between breakfast and lunch! So you may want to provide your child with a piece of fruit (labelled with their name) and left on the tray in the classroom.

Each classroom has a menu for that weeks school dinners, please take the time to look at the menu with your child and for them to take the cars according to their dinner option. If they are home packed lunch your child can place their lunch box on the shelves in the corridor. Parent/Grand parent/Aunty/Uncle/brother/sister/carer 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. We want your child to be happy and achieve as much as you do and we look forward to getting to know you all.