





Information for the Autumn Term 2019

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 will be learning about numbers, addition and subtraction, and 2D shapes.

In English we will be learning about full stops letter formation, non-fiction, writing about ourselves, story boards, and stories.

Subject	Our main topics this term are:  All About Me and Superheroes, Real and Fiction. 
Science	Our senses and parts of the body
History	Studied next term
Geography	Our school and the local area
Computing	Exploring a range of resources including bee bots, recording boxes and specific apps on the iPads
Art	Self-portraits, printing cityscapes.
PE	Multi-skills
DT	Junk-modelling, superheroes capes
PSHE	Class rules; getting to know each other; exploring feelings.
RE	Belonging and communities
Music	Singing and using a range of instruments.

Learning at home

Learning at home activities.

Each Friday your child will bring home a sheet with different activities to do linked to their learning during the week. They will be a range of practical, creative, written and oral tasks. Your child doesn't need to do all of them; you choose which one or ones you wish to do. These activities are an opportunity for the children to consolidate and practise what they have been learning in school and a chance for you to find out what they have been doing. Once they have completed their chosen activities, the red folder will need to be handed back in by the following Thursday, ready for the next set of activities to be given out on Friday.

Reading:

Please listen to your child read as often as possible as research shows that children who regularly read at home make greater progress. Please sign the reading record each time, and add a comment only if you would like to do so. Reading to a child and sharing books together can enhance your child's bank of ideas for story-writing and is a lovely way to spend time with them. When your child has finished their book, please put their reading folder in the reading tray so an adult can change their book.

Spellings: Year 1s only

Each week your child will be given six spellings to learn for their phonics group the following Thursday. 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. 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, Hedgehogs on a Thursday and Woodpeckers on a 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 ...

... drawstring PE bags will fit better in the lockers or on pegs.



PE kits do not need to go home every day.

It is useful to leave them in school in case there is a time table change (or an accident!).

Other information:

Water and snack

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle 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, so 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, although these need to be removed by the child before PE lessons. 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 come and speak to any of us **after** school.

Thank you

Miss Willer, Mrs Davis, Mrs Birkinshaw

Mrs Mills, Mrs Rush, Mrs Cavanagh, Mrs Sparkes, Mrs Jilley, Mrs Collis