

Information for the Spring Term 2023



Welcome to Hedgepeckers

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

EYFS - Reception	
Mathematics	Numbers 20 and beyond, addition and subtraction, manipulating, composing and decomposing shapes, sharing and grouping, visualising, building and mapping.
Literacy	Developing strategies to form simple phrases and sentences, Phase 4 Phonics, writing linked to Where the Wild Things Are, How to Catch a Star, I Want a Pet Dog, How to Make a Mug Cake, Lost and Found, and All Aboard The London Bus.
Understanding the world	Exploring the changing environment, bug hunts. Planets, space. Adventures through time: family trees, picture detectives, my achievements, transport. Around the World: learning about different place: deserts, polar explorers, cities.
Expressive arts& design	Threading, cutting, alien head bands, marble painting, junk modelling, paper flowers, papier maché planets. Designing and building boats, floating and sinking.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	My Family and Friends, My Well Being and Other People's
Physical development	Dance, Games and Sports Day Preparation.
Year 1	
Mathematics	Multiplication, division, fractions, position and direction, place value, money and time.
English	Sentence structure, spelling, punctuation and handwriting. Writing stories and letters linked to Grandad's Camper, and The Day The Crayons Quit. Reading, performing and writing poetry.
Science	An Introduction to plants and plant growth
Computing	Algorithms, debugging and word processing
History	How did we learn to fly?
Geography	What can you see at the coast?
DT	Smoothie-making
Art	Sculpture – clay houses.
Music	British songs, sounds and orchestral instruments
RE	How do we know that babies are special? Why should we care for others?
PE	Team building, fitness,

Reading

Your child will take home three reading books: a Big Cat decodable book (they should be about to read the majority of this by sight), a book of their choice, and a library book.

Please make sure library books are returned on a Thursday as thisis when they are changed. Books will only be renewed when the last one is returned to school.

Reading books will be changed after the children have finished their3rd reading session in school. Their old book will be replaced with the one they have just read together with us.

Water Bottles

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.

Warmer Weather

We are getting warmer weather so please keep an eye on the forecast and if it looks like it is going to be hot, please send your child with a sun hat and apply suncream at home. For the cooler wetter weather please provide a raincoat.

Spellings Year 1 only

A spelling sheet will be posted on Class Dojo listing this term's spellings and the date of each test. The spellings will be linked to their current phonics phase and the sound/sounds they've been learning during the week.

Most children find that using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method works well. You can extend their word skills by playing wordgames with them, such as hangman, scrabble and anagram games.Similarly, they could try to put that word in a sentence, etc.

Maths

There are lots of things your child could be practising at home. For example, they could be learning their times tables, starting with x2, x5, x10. They could also be learning to tell the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to). They could be identifying different 2d and 3d shapes, and counting out money and paying for items in a shop whilst working out their change. Not forgetting numbers that add to 10 and 20.

PE

Year 1 have PE on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, Reception children on Thursdays. Please send your child into school in their kits and long hair MUST be tied up.

If your child has pierced ears, they can wear stud earrings; however,these need to be removed by the child before PE lessons. It is easier not to wear earrings on PE days.

Any questions, please contact Miss Page or Mrs Davies on Class Dojo, email the school office or grab one of us after school.
We appreciate your ongoing support.

The Hedgepecker team!