

Summer Sun Safety!

Please remember to put on your sun cream in the mornings before coming to school. You can bring in your own sun cream with your name on, if you need to reapply at lunchtime. Please help your child to practise putting sun cream on, as this is something I can only guide them with. Don't forget your sun hats and sunglasses too! We want to stay safe in the sun. Water bottles with your name on are really important too.

Tuesday afternoons forest school – for reception

On Tuesday afternoons, Reception children have forest school, so please bring your bag of old clothes to get changed into. Please make sure you wear long sleeves and cover your legs, as there are many stinging nettles and brambles around at this time of the year.

Year 1 children will be working with the year 1 Squirrels on some topic work with Ms Baker.

PE days → Monday and Thursday.

Tapestry – Reception children

Please share some of your home fun, days out and learning experiences from home. We will be encouraging the children to use their photographs from Tapestry to talk to their friends about.

Year 1 Google Classroom

I will place any information of things happening at school and please share photographs of things you want to share in show and tell.

Transition time

Over the Summer term, we will be preparing the children for year 1 by developing their independent work time, attending assemblies and visiting their next classroom.

We will be taught some phonic sessions with our new teacher and spending some time in the Squirrel's classroom.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

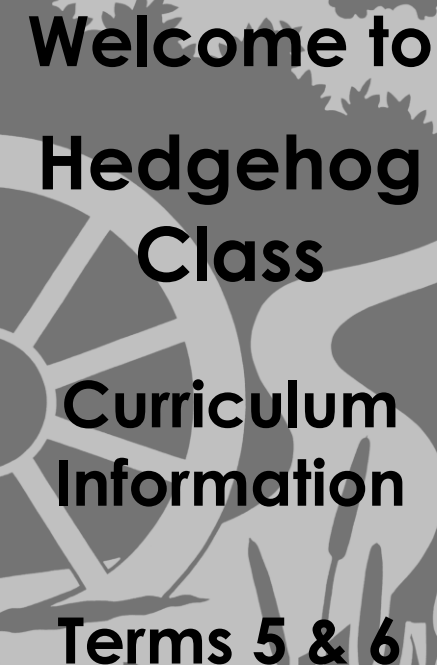
Phonics Twilight → Wednesday 27th April – 5.30pm. Come and find out about our new phonics scheme.

Sports Day → Tuesday 28th June -This is super day, with Hedgehogs completing races on the Rec in the morning, followed by family picnic lunches. In the afternoon, Hedgehogs go inside for a rest, before coming out a bit later to watch the relay races and mums and dads' races!

Raystede Trip → Wednesday 4th May – Reception. Tuesday 21st June – Year 1.

Cumnor House Science Afternoon → Wednesday 18th May

Hedgehog Rescue charity visit – Monday 23rd May.



Welcome to Hedgehog Class

Curriculum Information

Terms 5 & 6

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Teacher: Mrs Whittle

Teaching Assistants: Ms Baker

Mathematical Development

During Maths this term, we will be focusing on Position and Direction, learning about prepositions and positional language whilst reading 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins.

We will also be learning about the concept of Mass and Weight during the Summer Term. The children will learn how to use balance scales and electronic scales, even learning how to weigh some items in grams!

We shall also be exploring the concept of Capacity throughout the summer, thinking about how much water we can fit inside a container.

Our Project is... Let's Create 'Music'

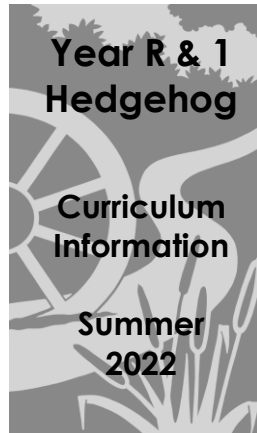
In term 6 we will be getting to know the percussion instruments and how to play them in different ways. Using them to add sound effects to stories and songs.

We will be learning a Goldilocks song using Makaton signs to go with it.

We will enjoy listening to music and talk about what we hear and feel. When we analyse some African music, we will make comparisons with the different percussion instruments used.

Phonics - We are becoming experts at Rocket Phonics: enjoying the interactive resources and independent worksheets.

Reception children are working in phase 3 and Y1 children continue through phase 5 whilst recapping some of the diagraphs and practising tricky words.



Science

In science we will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly by hatching our own caterpillars and watching what happens!

We will also be learning about plants, by planting our own seeds and flowers. We will see what happens when we give them sun, soil and water.

DONATIONS PLEASE → Do you have any spare seeds or a fruit or veg plant we would be so pleased to plant and look after them for you!

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We will be reading some of the stories about Jesus and thinking about how he was a leader and a teacher. We will be thinking about people we see as leaders and teachers in our own lives. We will be learning a song about Jesus and adding actions.

Our Project is... Portrait. Let's Create 'Art'

In term 5, we will be looking at some wonderful artists' work and having a go at using some of the key skills to create our own pieces. We start by reading a story about Henri Matisse, finding out about why he changed his style of art. We will be creating some pebble art, with facial features and emotions. We will be taking our own photographs using the I pads, before using pens to make fun doodle art portraits of ourselves! We will be learning to look closely and talk about art by analysing and comparing portraits by Maria Rivans and Picasso.

Language and Literacy

Inspired by our 'create' topic we focus on art with 'Matisse's Magical Trail' by Tim Hopgood. Matisse is a snail who creates great works of art in a school for the children to enjoy.

We will then look at the painter Matisse's work with scissors and find out about his life as a painter and how he changed his work. We move onto focusing on our butterflies and writing about the changes we saw.

After the break, our writing and musical focus we will be re-telling and innovating the story of Goldilocks and encouraging the children to have a go at a 'big write!' We will also be writing about similarities and differences in African music following a range of themed learning experiences.

Physical Development

In PE this term, we will be focusing on the games for our Sports Day events! We will practise being a good sportsman and cheering on our friends! We will be using a variety of equipment and skills for the different events. We will also be running our 'half mile' 3 times a week.