



Hedgehog Class Newsletter

Welcome...

Welcome back to a new and very exciting term ahead. We hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday, even with the ever changing weather.

We are looking forward to more fun learning this Summer term. We have lots of exciting activities to look forward to including more opportunities to be outside, Sport's Day, special events and fun activities linked to our

new class topics of 'Minibeasts and Growing' and 'Transport'.

We are planning a class trip to Boydell's Dairy Farm at the end of this half term and there will be more details to follow shortly.

As the term goes on we will spend some time with our new teachers for next year and welcome new children to class for stay and play sessions so that we can show them what we do.

We will also hold another 'Open Classroom' session for parents this term.

As always, no question is too small so, if we are unavailable at the school gate, please get in touch via telephone or email with any messages or other queries and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to.

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Class Information...

Please remember to check Tapestry regularly. A weekly Memo is posted every Thursday for Reception and Nursery. This includes information about our learning for that week as well as messages and updates.

Weekly Phonics homework is also posted every Friday on Tapestry, as an activity, for Reception children.

Things to bring to school...

Please remember to make sure the following items are in school everyday:

- A named water bottle (containing water - no squash or flavoured water please).
- PE kit - containing a change of underwear in case of accidents.
- A named sunhat/ sunscreen, when we start to need them, as we are outside every day. A waterproof coat and wellies which can stay in school.
- Book bag with reading book, library book and communication book.
- Be aware of your school dinner choice or bring a packed lunch.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS AND CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY

LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME especially as children have grown and had uniform items replaced.

PE

Our PE days are Monday morning and Wednesday afternoons. Monday's session is indoor Mini movers and Wednesday will be outdoors as much as possible.

This term we will cover a range of physical activities including dance, ball skills, athletics and swimming which will start AFTER half term. Please ensure your child has a full set of P.E. clothes, and pumps or trainers, in school for both indoor and outdoor lessons. Please also check that their kit still fits!

Please include spare socks and underwear in their PE bag.

Parent voice—EYFS contributions on Tapestry...

At this time of year we begin making our end of year assessments against the Early Learning Goals for Reception, and for Nursery children against their ages and stages of development. Your contributions to these assessments are invaluable as you often observe achievements at home, such as riding a bike on their own, trying something new, moving stages in swimming. Please share these with us by uploading photos or comments.

Resources to collect...

Resources we are collecting if you have any that are no longer needed:

- Unwanted toy cars
- Spare girls tights, socks and underwear

- Storage baskets
- Old, decorating paintbrushes
- Spare plant pots, compost, children's garden tools

- Children's suitcases or back packs
- Puzzles

We would be very grateful for any donations.



Toys from home....

Just a gentle reminder for the new term... please could you refrain from allowing your child to bring any personal toys to school. Thank you.

Reading...

Please continue to read with your child as often as you can and write what you have read in their home communication book with any comments you would like to make. You can use a range of books from home, school or your library. Many of the Reception children have now received a reading award by ticking the boxes on the reading grid when they have read their school reading book at home and this will continue this term. Reading and library books are changed weekly, every TUESDAY. Please could Reception parents try to read their child's school book several times with them to build up fluency and confidence.



Lunch Arrangements...

All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a **free school meal** everyday, funded by the Government. The menu is on a 3 week rotation with a daily choice of meals. Please read the menu with your child and help them to choose the meal they would like.

Please could you try to support your children at home in using a knife and fork to cut up their own dinner as much as possible.

