



Welcome back to Hedgehog Class!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. We have lots of exciting activities planned!

This term, **PE** will take place on **Wednesday** and swimming **Thursdays**, so please ensure that your child comes in to school with **the full, correct school PE kit (plain black tracksuit, red school polo P.E top and trainers – red school P.E sweatshirt is optional)** PE kit is an essential part of our school uniform, and as we take pride in presenting a smart and unified school image, **it is just as important that children have the full and correct kit, as well as their usual school uniform.**

As always, I'm happy to chat—please feel free to catch me on the playground at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns. I'm really looking forward to an amazing half term ahead!

English:

This term, we are using the stories Jack and the Beanstalk and Jim and the Beanstalk to develop our understanding of narrative and non-fiction writing. We will learn how to sequence events in a story, describe characters in detail, and use story maps to help us retell and rewrite the tale in our own words. We will also explore how characters feel at different points in the story and use this to improve our writing. In addition, we will follow and write instructions and recipes, helping us understand how clear steps are used in real-life writing.

Maths:

This term in Maths, we are learning about money and fractions. We will recognise coins and notes, count amounts in pounds and pence, and use money in simple calculations such as making a pound and finding change. We will also learn about fractions, including halves, quarters and thirds. We will explore how shapes and amounts can be split into equal parts, and begin to recognise and use simple unit and non-unit fractions.

The Wider Curriculum:

Science: This term in science, we are learning about how plants grow and survive. We will explore seeds and bulbs, investigate what plants need to grow, learn about germination, discover how light affects plant growth, and understand the different stages of the plant life cycle. **RE:** This term in RE, we are learning about Muslim beliefs by exploring what Muslims think about God, the meanings of some of the Beautiful Names of God, what the Shahadah teaches, and who the Prophet Muhammad was and why he is important to Muslims. **Geography:** This term in geography, we are learning about the UK, including its landmarks, surrounding seas and oceans, and how people use the coast. **Art:** This term in art, children will use their imagination to transform simple materials like sticks into creative pieces such as stick people and treehouses. They will explore drawing, making and using sketchbooks to share ideas, experiment and reflect on their work. The focus is on creativity, playfulness and creating art for others to enjoy. **Computing:** This term in computing, we are learning how to give clear instructions, spot patterns and differences, make predictions, follow routes, and design simple algorithms. **Music:** This term in music, we are exploring The Carnival of the Animals and the work of Charlie Chaplin, listening to and responding to music, and developing our understanding of rhythm, mood, and performance. **PSHE:** This term in PSHE, we are learning about money, including the difference between needs and wants, how to look after money, what banks and building societies do, and different types of jobs. **PE:** This term in PE, we are developing our skills in tennis with the class teacher and improving our swimming skills with the sports coach.

Homework:

Please remember to be encouraging your child with their reading at home, as this plays a vital role in their learning. As well as listening to them read, I also encourage you to read to your child. Be sure to record what they have read in their reading records, so they can be working towards their reading gem certificates too. The expectation in Hedgehog class is that this is done at least three times a week. To support them with their phonics and reading, all the children are set up on Lexia, which is an app that works on these skills. For login information, please check your child's reading record.