

## Hedgehog Class Learning Overview – Term 6



### Welcome to Hedgehog Class!

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

This term, **PE** will take place on a **Wednesday** and swimming on a **Thursday**, so please ensure that your child comes in to school with **the full, correct school PE kit (plain black shorts, 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, children will explore the stories 'The Journey Home' and 'We are water protectors', both of which have an environmental focus. As usual, we will use these books to develop grammar skills, including sentence structure, punctuation and vocabulary choices, while using both texts as inspiration for their writing. Children will learn how to gather and present information through fact-finding activities linked to 'The Journey Home', before creating persuasive campaigns about endangered animals and the importance of protecting wildlife. Through 'We are water protectors', children will deepen their understanding of writing to persuade, looking at letters and campaigns, as well as writing information texts about topics such as water pollution.

### Maths:

This term, children will learn about time, measurement, and position and direction. They will learn the days of the week, months of the year, and how to tell the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to, and five-minute intervals. They will also solve simple problems involving time. In measurement, children will compare and measure mass using grams and kilograms, and volume and capacity using millilitres and litres. They will also learn about temperature and use their maths skills to solve measurement problems. In position and direction, children will learn how to describe movement, position, and turns, using the correct mathematical vocabulary. They will take part in practical activities to help them apply these skills in real-life situations.

### The Wider Curriculum:

**RE:** This term, the children will learn about Islam and what Muslims believe. They will find out why the Qur'an is special to Muslims and learn about the Prophet Muhammad. Children will explore the Five Pillars of Islam, including prayer, fasting and helping others, and learn how these guide the lives of many Muslims. Through this learning, children will develop their understanding of how Muslims practise their faith and show respect for their beliefs. **Science:** We will learn about ocean habitats and marine life. This will involve exploring what can be found in rock pools, learning about the life cycles of ocean creatures, and discover how animals depend on each other through ocean food chains. Children will also learn about the impact of ocean litter on marine environments and find out what it is like to be a marine biologist studying and protecting sea life. **History:** Our history learning is all about the history of flight. We will discover how people first learned to fly and learn about important people connected to this, including the Wright brothers, Bessie Coleman and Amelia Earhart. This will also include learning the first Moon landing, and why these events were so important. By the end of the topic, they will understand how flight has changed over time. **DT:** Sewing skills will be our focus in Design and Technology. We will practise using a running stitch, learn how to use a template to cut fabric, and make their own pouch, which will then be decorated; developing their creativity and practical making skills. **Computing:** This term, children will learn about programming and controlling robots. They will explore how buttons can be used to give instructions and learn how to move a robot forwards, backwards and in different directions. Children will create and follow simple routes, developing their understanding of algorithms, sequencing and problem-solving. In **PSHE**, we will focus on health, wellbeing and growing up, which will include exploring our feelings and emotions, learning ways to relax and thinking about what makes us unique. In addition, we will learn about healthy habits, including getting enough sleep, handwashing and personal hygiene, and the people who help us stay healthy. Towards the end of the term, we will begin to prepare for the next academic year and think positively about moving to their new class/year group. **PE:** This term, children will develop their athletic skills as they prepare for Sports Day. They will practise running, jumping and throwing activities, while also developing teamwork and sportsmanship. Children will also learn the basic skills and rules of rounders, improving their catching, throwing, batting and game-playing abilities.

### 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, however, if your child is in year 2 can I please ask that you begin to do this daily (if you aren't already) as this will be the expectation in KS2, meaning this will be good preparation for them. 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 your child's reading record.