

## Hedgehogs Class Autumn Newsletter 2023-2024

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer! We have a lot of exciting learning this term during our focus 'Where I Live'. This newsletter gives an overview of what we will be learning about in each subject.

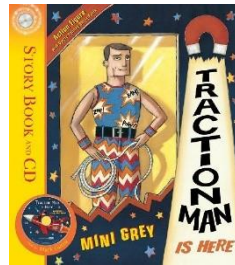
### English

Here are a few of our focus books and writing outcomes for the Autumn Terms.



'Grace and Family' discusses modern family relationships, separation and reunion. For our writing outcome, we will be writing a description about our families.

'Traction Man is Here' tells the fantastic story of a superhero toy facing and overcoming many challenges. We will be using this book to write a non-chronological report based on one of Traction Man's missions.

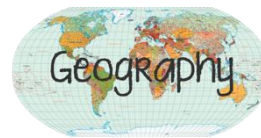


### Phonics

Children will have Phonics lessons every day as usual. They will continue to develop their knowledge of different grapheme-phoneme correspondences and we will be applying them in our reading and writing.

### Geography

Linked to our focus of 'Where I Live', our Geography unit will be 'The World and My School - Where in The World do I Live?'. We will begin by looking at our classroom, then branch out to our school, town, country and kingdom and discuss the features of each.



### Maths

Year 1 - We will secure our place value knowledge with numbers up to 10. We will use this knowledge to add and subtract numbers up to 10 and also begin to learn about geometry.



Year 2 - We will stretch ourselves by learning to use place value with numbers up to 100. We will then begin to add and subtract numbers up to 100. We will end the term by looking at shape.



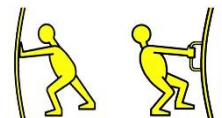
### History

Our History unit during the Autumn Terms will be 'Changes in toys', where we will be answering the question: "How have toys changes over the last 50 years?". During this unit, we will be comparing different toys that we grew up with and comparing these to toys our parents grew up with.



### Science

Our focus for the term is 'Forces', where we will be learning about the different pulls and pushes that we experience every day. During Autumn Term 2, we will be learning about Everyday Materials, comparing the uses and qualities of different materials, as well as identifying what everyday items are made of.



## RE

The topic for the term is 'What do Christians believe God is like?' We will be learning about who Christians believe in, and talking about what Christians think about God and what He does for us.

We are going to look at parables in the Bible, discussing what a parable is and what they tell us about what God is like.



## Music

We are focusing on pulse and rhythm in our 'All About Me' unit and then exploring classical music, dynamics and tempo in our 'Animals' unit during Autumn Term 2.



## PSHE

In PSHE lessons during Autumn, we will be discussing: "what is the same and what is different about us?" and "who is special to us?". We will be talking about what we like and don't like, how we are similar and different from friends, and who the important people are in our lives.



## PE

In Term 1 we will focus on personal skills and work on building our footwork coordination and our ability to balance on one leg. In Term 2 we will be building on this. In addition, we will be having lessons on Tag Rugby and Gym.



## Homework

Wednesday - Maths and English homework sent home  
- Maths and English homework due in

Daily - reading should be regular at least 3 sessions a week



## Art

During the Autumn terms, we will be creating our own clay sculptures in Art lessons. We will be looking at why sculptors sculpt, what clay is and how nature can inspire sculptors. We will finally be creating our own leaf sculptures.



## Design and Technology

In DT this term we will be designing and constructing a windmill, including individual preferences and requirements within our designs. We will ensure we learn the correct vocabulary and test our designs before evaluating our structures.



## Computing

We will start the year with the topic 'Computing systems and networks', exploring and identifying technology and the main parts of a computer.



## Information

Monday - Miss Richardson will teach during the afternoons

- PE on Monday with Miss Richardson- wear PE kits to school
- Library books sent home
- Little Wandle books returned

Wednesday - Homework due in

- PE on Wednesday - wear PE kits to school

Friday - Little Wandle books sent home

- Library books returned

