

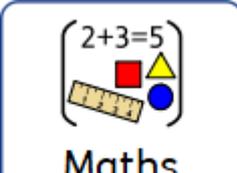


Hedgehog Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Hedgehog Class!

We hope you all had a fantastic Summer break and are looking forward to lots of learning and fun to start off the new academic year. The children have already settled really well into Hedgehog class and are learning our routines and their new environment.

Hedgehog Class is part of Key-Stage 1 and our teacher is Mr Abbott, supported by three teaching assistants. We look forward to working with you to support your child's education.

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|  | <p>During English, children will be developing their writing and reading skills by completing a range of activities focussed around our weekly class books. They will be practising to write their names with increasing independence as well as making marks and writing words about images from stories. Fine motor skills will be practised and developed alongside these activities. We will also be enhancing vocabulary, supported by objects, signs and symbols.</p> |
|  | <p>We will be working on our number and place value skills as well as exploring shape, space and measure. We finish the week by developing our using and applying skills, that will promote our life long skills linked to maths and give the opportunity to embed learning from that week. Children work on tasks specific for their number range.</p> <p>Children will have opportunities to use objects, symbols, signing and written formats to support their learning.</p> |
|  | <p>Children have daily phonics lessons, tailored to their individual current needs and levels. They will be working on identifying graphemes and saying phonemes and develop to beginning to blend to read words.</p> <p>They will also be working on personalised communication targets during weekly WellComm sessions. Children will be developing their speaking and listening skills alongside daily reading and have the chance to hear words</p> |
|  | <p>During our weekly science lessons, children will be developing their understanding of biology and physics. They will investigate and sharing their understanding of human biology, including naming body parts. During physics, they will be investigating with light, sound and electricity. All very fun and exciting!</p> |





This term our topic is ' Good To Be Me!'

This term we are focussing on stories based on individuality, being aware of and celebrate differences. Stories read will include: Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?, Funnybones, The Tiger Who Came To Tea and many more.

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|  History | <p>Children will be discovering differences between old and new items such as toys. We will look at the materials used for these items.</p> <p>We will also be looking at historical events such as The Great Fire of London. We will finish the term looking at celebrations and festivals.</p> |
|  Geography | <p>During Geography lessons, we will develop our understanding of local geography such as our school site and key locations within the site. We will progress to countries of the United Kingdom, which will support our learning in History.</p> |
|  PSHE | <p>During our PSHE Jigsaw lessons, children will be completing tasks under the title of 'Being me in my world'. Children will explore what makes them who they are, learn about emotions and feeling as well as how to be a good classmate and friend.</p> |
|  Art | <p>Each week, children will be developing artwork based on the weekly focus book. During these lessons they will be encouraged to select a range of tools and techniques to make marks on their paper. They will be selecting colours for purpose. We will finish the term with Christmas arts and crafts.</p> |
|  Music | <p>We are very fortunate to have Dudley Performing Arts supporting our music lessons this term. Children have already loved these lessons, giving them the opportunity to experience live music being played alongside signing, following instructions and dancing. We will also be practising using a range of musical instruments to making a marching beat.</p> |
|  Computing | <p>In these lessons we will be developing our understanding of how to use a range of electronic devices for a purpose.</p> <p>During these lessons, children will also have the opportunity to use a tablet to complete Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds activities.</p> |
|  RE | <p>During RE Jigsaw lessons, children will be completing learning activities under the title of 'Special People'. They will be learning how to identify important people to them and what makes them special. This will include family, friends and people within our school community.</p> |
|  PE | <p>Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. As part of our learning, children will be practising getting changed into and out of their PE kits. Due to this, please ensure you have sent your child with a labelled PE kit (which will be kept in school and returned at the end of term).</p> |
|  Life Skills | <p>During the first half term, our focus will be keeping safe. This includes following the class rules to help us keep happy and safe.</p> <p>In the second half term, our focus is personal care; toileting, handwashing and keeping clean.</p> |