

Hedgehogs Classroom News



Summer 2021



Welcome back!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday and managed to spend some quality time together as a family. We have a busy and exciting term ahead – the last term in Year 1! It's been a strange and disrupted school year in many ways but hopefully this term we will be settled and ready to take on the challenges of the last term of the school year.

I am very pleased to tell you that we are keeping Miss Byford in our class this term. I know she is very happy to be working with us for another term and has planned some lovely activities to do with the children over the coming weeks.

We are going to go back to using Showbie for our weekly homework, and you will see there is a new folder called 'Homework' that outlines the work you can do at home to support your child. Each week I will include some work for English, maths, and the foundation subject that we are focusing on in class for the week.

Subject coverage

English

We will continue to use the Unity Trust's English curriculum (CLUSP), introducing the Reading scheme alongside the Writing scheme that we started last term. Our units this term include informal letters, poetry linked to a theme, setting descriptions, poetry pattern and rhyme and recounts from personal experience. As before, to ensure the children's engagement and retention of information, we will link our learning to other subjects, where appropriate. For example, our Geography unit about hot and cold places in the world will link to the setting descriptions unit in English.

We will continue to focus on the main areas of writing, linked to our marking criteria, with each piece of work that we do. These are using capital letters and full stops correctly, letter formation, use of finger spaces between words and using phonics to work out tricky words.



Reading

Children will continue to be heard read at school at least once a week by an adult in the class. We will continue to collect books in on a Friday so we can quarantine them over the weekend ready for new books to be sent home on a Monday. As your child starts to read longer books, or they would like to keep them longer if you feel they would benefit from extra time to practise please do, and then send them back to school on a Friday when you are ready for a change of books.

Please read at home as often as you can; repetition really does help your child's learning of tricky words and fluency.

There is a new fluency read for Summer term. This term it is a fiction text called 'The Crab Dragon'. You can find it in the Reading Fluency folder on Showbie under Summer Term.



Maths



In Year 1 we will continue to follow maths mastery. This term we are focusing on Numbers 50 to 100 and beyond, addition and subtraction, money, multiplication and division and capacity and volume.

We will continue to use Times Table Rockstars to support our times tables practise, focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. This term, we also have a daily session in school where the children can practise their times tables, so any practise you can do at home will really support with this. We will also use TTRS for maths homework each week. Your child's login details are saved on Showbie in the TT Rockstars login details folder.



Foundation Subjects

Science: Our focus this term is 'Materials'. Within this we will be looking at what things are made from, what makes a material good for a specific job, which materials are waterproof and which materials are transparent or opaque. We will also revisit the units 'Animals including humans' and 'Plants' to ensure retention of information.



History: Our focus this term is on 'Changes Within Living Memory'. This is a revisit to the work we have previously undertaken and will focus on retained information about different stages of the children's lives, what toys they played with at different stages and how they have changed as the children have grown up.



Computing: This term we will focus on the unit 'Data' and a revisit to the unit 'Programming'. The children will learn how to label, match, group and answer questions using the data collected, and learn the buttons needed to direct forwards, backwards, left and right and design and create a route to follow.

Religious Education (RE): The children will be focusing on 'Places of Worship' and 'Religions and Rituals'. They will learn what a place of worship is and why they are important, then they'll look in more detail at a Jewish synagogue, a Hindu Mandir and a Christian church. They will then think about what a ritual is and have opportunities to learn about and compare the Islamic ritual prayer Salat, the Hindu Puja and the Christian holy communion.



Art: The children will be learning about 'Landscapes and Different Media' as well as a revisit to 'Collage'. They will be able to identify the key features of a landscape in order to make their own compositions. We will look at beach textures, shades and colours of the sea and painting over texture to help them learn the skills to create their own beach collages.



Design and Technology (DT): Our focus will be on 'Puppets' and 'Wheels and Axels' this term. Children will have opportunities to join fabrics and design, make and decorate puppets. They will then look at how wheels move and try fixing broken wheels. They will have the opportunity to design and make a vehicle, then test them in a wacky race!



Music: The children will be concentrating on pulse, rhythm, and pitch, focusing on the musical elements of listening and appraising, learning to sing, playing



instruments, improvising, composing and performing. We will start with a unit called 'Your Imagination' and then spend some time to 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay' the skills they have learnt over the year.

P.S.H.E: The children will be thinking about who helps to keep them safe and how can we look after each other and the world. Each week the children will have time to think about key questions and do some writing, drawing, and labelling of their ideas. We will also incorporate some online assemblies to this time, both as a whole school and as an individual class.



P.E: P.E. is on a Wednesday and the children can come into school in their PE kits on this day to work with the sports coach. We will also have another PE session in the week, taught by the class teacher, and the children need to bring their PE kits in to school to change into. Depending on the school timetable, this will either be on a Thursday or a Friday. I will send a message at the beginning of each week to let you know what day it will be on – please keep an eye on class dojo for a message.



This term we will concentrate on Games and Athletics, working on skills and implementing them in team situations. Fingers crossed we will be able to showcase what we have been learning in a sport's day this year.

Remember:

- Please check Class Dojo and Showbie on a regular basis for information and work.
- Please send a named, refillable water bottle to school each day.
- Please ensure ALL uniform is named.
- Please send appropriate outdoor clothes suitable to the weather.
- Please send reading books back to school on a Friday so that new books can be sent home on a Monday.

Here's to another fabulous – and hopefully settled - term!

Thank you

Mrs Hager 😊