

## Hedgehogs - Year 1

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. There are a few changes this half term; Miss Newsome will now be the Class Teacher for Year 1, with Miss Woodhouse teaching the class on a Friday afternoon only. We also Welcome Miss Worsfold to our class, as our class TA, and Miss Clarke who is completing her first PGCE placement with us until Christmas.

We will be welcoming parents to our KS1 Nativity performance later this term so look out for further details.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do contact me or catch me at the end of the day.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Newsome 😊

### Key information

Homework continues to be **sent on a Monday** and is to be **returned on a Friday**. Please aim to read a minimum of 3 times with your child throughout the week.

PE days have changed to a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. We will be continuing 'Dance' this half term.

Please can all Parents/ Carers double check names are in ALL items of clothing to minimise loss.

### What we will be learning:

#### **English**

In English our focus will be on the story of Zog by Julia Donaldson, and we will be investigating a variety of poems.

## **Maths**

In Maths, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction within 10, and shape.

Where possible, it would be great for you to encourage your child at home to add and subtract to embed this learning in to their real life. For Example, if they have a handful of raisins in their hand and they eat one, how many will they have left? Use language such as more and less to help them in their understanding of the concepts of adding and subtracting.

## **RE**

We will be continuing to learn about Christianity, with a focus this half term on Jesus. We will be exploring the Nativity Story within this unit too.

Key Vocabulary: Jesus, Nativity, Christians, Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, shepherds

## **History**

We will be exploring London Past and Present, and exploring a significant event that happened there in 1666, and how the ways of life then impacted the significance of this event.

Key Vocabulary: Wooden houses, sources, Samuel Pepys, diary entry, Fire, Fire hook, Fire break, sequence, water pumps

## **Science**

We will be exploring and observing seasonal change this half term, with a focus on Autumn and Winter. It would be great to discuss observations in every day language, with a focus on the below words, when appropriate.

Key Vocabulary: weather, sunny, rainy, raining, shower, windy, snowy, cloudy, hot, warm, cold, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, snow, icy, frost, puddles, rainbow, seasons, winter, summer, spring, autumn, Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length

## **My Happy Mind - Celebrate**

We will be learning how to **celebrate** our own and others' achievements and strengths.