

Squirrel and Hedgehog Class – Autumn 2



Welcome back to Squirrel and Hedgehog Class! We hope you all had a great break.
If you have any questions, concerns or need to speak to us about anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help!

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Our class staff -

Class Teachers – Amy Little (Squirrel Class) and Sarah Brownlie (Hedgehog Class)
Gemma Dunstone – Covering Squirrel Class all day Wednesday

Support Staff – Kelly Swift (HLTA) – covering Hedgehog Class Wednesday afternoon
Yulia – Teaching Assistant Jenny – Teaching Assistant
Chloe – Teaching Assistant

Our Topics

This half term, our topic is 'Celebrations'. We will be learning about different celebrations that are important to us, such as Bonfire Night and birthdays. We will also be looking forward to celebrating Christmas and exploring the traditions that come with it.

Key Language

Key words that we are focussing on this half term are:
Celebration, Birthday, Christmas, Bonfire Night, Fireworks, happy, special

English

Our English learning will allow us to explore stories with a familiar setting using props and sensory trays. Our focus stories will include:

- Owl babies
- Kipper's birthday
- Nativity story

Maths

This half term, we will be learning about numbers. We will practise putting numbers in the correct order and exploring what numbers mean. We will also be practising making marks on paper to show numbers and amounts.

Important dates



Wednesday and Thursday 11th and 12th November – Parents Evening
Friday 13th November – Children in Need
Friday 20th November – Light Walk
Friday 18th Dec – End of Term

More dates will follow, please check your child's blue home link book for letters.

Continued Learning

- Look at lights that are around for Christmas. Talk about them and describe them.
- Enjoy reading a story together and talking about what you are reading
- Counting objects around the house and in everyday situations.

PE

PE days will be Wednesday afternoon and Thursday



Useful Links

Owl Babies (Channel 4)

Owl's First Flight Song - CBeebies

A little reminder:

- **School uniform:** Please make sure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named so that they can be easily identified if they get lost.
- **Outdoor clothing:** Please provide a named set of waterproof clothing and wellies. We go outside in all weathers, so it is important that children are able to stay warm and dry.
- **Spare clothes:** Please keep a spare set of named clothes in school. These may be needed after messy play, arts and crafts or any toileting accidents.
- **Drinks:** If your child only drinks squash, please provide this for them.
- **Nappies and wipes:** If your child wears nappies, please make sure they have a supply of nappies and wipes in school. We will let you know when supplies are running low.