

# Hedgehog Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2025



### Our class

The staff in Hedgehog class this half term will be:

**Teacher - Alex Taylor (Andrea Hazel - Tuesdays)**

Rachel -TA    Lesly - TA    Lucy - TA

Angela - Lunchtime Support.

*If you have any questions or concerns at any time please speak to a member of staff, use your blue home book or email: [alex.taylor@riverside.hants.sch.uk](mailto:alex.taylor@riverside.hants.sch.uk)*

### Our Topic

The Hedgehog class topic this half term is 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be exploring our natural materials indoors and outside. We will be getting out and about in nature - experiencing the natural world using a f our sense, making observations and drawings. We will learn how to care for living things and their habitats.

### **English and communication learning**

In English and Communication, we will be focusing on reading and writing about books with familiar settings in their everyday lives, such as a park, shop and beach. We will be sharing fiction stories, non fiction books and songs. We will be using Colourful Semantics to form sentences about various pictures and settings from our class texts.

Our texts are;

- The Little Red Hen
- The Big Splash
- The Bear Who Would Not Share.

We will be using small world resources and puppets to engage with characters from the story. We will be building a wider vocabulary in communicative learning e.g. verbalising/signing and using ALB boards about the settings.

In hand gym we are continuing to use different tools and activities that strengthen our muscles ready for holding a pen or pencil.

### **Continuing learning**

To support and continue your child's learning at home, here are some ideas of activities:

- Talk about
- Enjoy some exercise outside e.g. bike ride, scooter, football, going for a walk or to the park.
- Look for shapes and patterns in the home and our environment.
- Reading books and talking about animals and where they live.
- Explore items that we use to help us keep clean such as bubble bath, sponges, toothbrushes.

As part of PE, Hedgehogs class will continue to go to the gym every Friday morning. More information to follow.

### **Outdoor learning**

Please can you remember to send in spare clothes, a waterproof coat and if possible, a set of wellington boots for your child - we won't let the weather stop our learning!

### **Important dates**

Wc 29/9 Harvest week

1/10 - INSET day

Wc 20/10 - Diwali

Wc 27/10 - Half Term

### **Maths learning**

In maths this term we continue to support each child's progress in counting, sequencing and calculating numbers.

Our area of study for this half term is 'Shape and pattern'. We will be exploring a range of different size/shaped items through play. We will be weaving this teaching through cooking and our discovery sessions as well as in maths. We will be looking for patterns in our surroundings and making our own repeating patterns. We will be exploring different size and shaped items. We will be using both informal and mathematical terms to describe shapes.