

Hedgehog Class Newsletter

Spring 1 2026



We all hope you had a lovely Christmas. Happy New Year !

Our class

The staff in Hedgehog class this half term will be:

Teacher - Alex Taylor (Andrea Hazel - Tuesdays)

Rachel -TA 5 days Lesley - TA 3.5 days Lucy - TA 3 days Carla - TA 2 days Mami - TA 2 days.
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

Our Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Transport'. In this topic we will be exploring different types of transport that travel by land, sea and in the air. Through this topic we will cover - **History** - Changing modes of transport over time. **Science** - Modes of transport and friction. **Geography** - Maps and directional language/symbols for vehicles and journeys. **Computing** - Recording videos. **Art** - Painting Skills. **Food Technology** - Chopping **PE** - Swimming and Bike skills. **RE** - Special Places **PSHE** - Rules and Laws **Music** - Tempo and dynamics

English and communication learning

This term we will be enjoying some different stories about transport.

- Find some fiction and non-fiction books/magazines about transport at home.

Our texts are -

- The Everywhere Bear.
- Max the plane that couldn't fly.
- The Train Ride

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

Maths learning

In maths this term, our focus is measures, in particular distance. We will be developing language to describe and compare distance, such as 'near' and 'far'. We will also be continuing to work on number skills, such as practical addition, subtraction and reading/matching numerals.

PE

We have swimming in Hedgehog Class every Thursday morning this term. Please provide a named bag with swimming costume, towel, swim nappies if required and any swimming aids that you think your child may use. We will continue to go to the gym every Friday morning.

Outdoor learning

Please make sure that your child has a pair of named wellies and waterproof clothing in school. We will continue to spend lots of time outside whatever the weather! Wet weather gear such as waterproof trousers or all in one suits are perfect-please write your child's name inside. Also spare socks in their bags will help with welly leaks!

Important dates

WB 26/1 - Parents/Carers Evenings - TBC.
February -09/02 - Chinese New Year Week.
13/02 - last day of half term.
23/02 - return to school
March - 05/03 - World Book Day
11/04 - INSET DAY.
20/04 - Comic Relief