

# Hedgehog Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2 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

Our topic this half term is 'Light and Sound'. This topic will look at different light sources and finding out about shadows. We will be exploring different sounds and how sounds are made. To continue with these topics at home you could try the following: Draw round your shadows with chalk outside.

Look for different sources of light around your home.

### English and communication learning

In English and Communication, we will be focusing on reading and writing skills. Our books for this half term will be focusing on instructions. We will also be making and following instructions with symbols.

Our texts are - Week 1/2: How to brush your teeth with Snappy Croc; Week 3/4: How to bath your Little Dinosaur; Week 5/6: Spot bakes a cake; Week 7: Follow an instruction to make a Christmas decoration.

At home try:

Following simple instructions on packets e.g. angel delight, cake mix etc

Use language such as first, next when following

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.

### Topic key language

Key words that we are focussing on this term are:

**Light, Dark, Shadow, Sound, Loud, Quiet, Christmas**

### Maths learning

In maths this term, our focus is shape. We will be looking at different 2D shapes - finding, naming and recognising properties such as corners. We will explore basic 3D shapes - building, finding, naming and recognising properties such as number of faces. We will continue to work on our number skills :- counting, more, less, ordinal numbers etc.

At home you could try:-

Finding and naming shapes around the home eg what shape are your windows, doors, table etc  
Potato printing (adult can cut shapes into the potatoes first)

Counting / missing a number out for your child to add in. Talking about what is first / second etc

### 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!

### PE

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

### Important dates

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Fayre

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner/ Christmas jumper day.

**Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December** - KS2 Parent Christmas events.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas party / Last day of term (half day)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Return to school, INSET

Thank you all for your continued support.