

# Hedgehog Class Newsletter

## Spring 2 2026



### 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 5 days  
(2 hours daily). 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 'Plants'. We will be looking at different types of plants, exploring what foods come from plants and doing some planting of our own.

### **English and communication learning**

In English and Communication, we will be focusing on developing our vocabulary around plants and growing using symbols, stories, non-fiction text and songs. We will be answering 'what' questions in non-fiction texts and looking at the features of information books.

Our texts are:

- Spring (big book)
- Bean Diary (big book)
- Sunflowers (big book)
- Plants and flowers
- Easter story

We will also be building sentences to create a class non-fiction book as the term progresses.

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

### **Important dates**

5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
11<sup>th</sup> March - INSET day  
20<sup>th</sup> March - Red nose day (comic relief)  
27<sup>th</sup> March - End of Term - half day finish  
13<sup>th</sup> April - Return to school

### **Continuing learning**

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

- Planting seeds at home and helping with gardening.
- Going on visits and looking at different types of plants, such as trees, bushes, flowers, grasses.
- Cooking with foods from plants, such as making fruit skewers and salads.
- Art with plants, such as leaf printing, fruit and vegetable printing, tree rubbings.
- Reading books about plants e.g. the story of Harry's sunflower

### **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 'weight'. We will be exploring different sizes and finding items that are heavier or lighter.

We continue to support individual targets using the children's IEPs.