

Hedgehog Class Newsletter

Summer 1 2026



We all hope you had a lovely Easter Holiday!

Our class

The staff in Hedgehog class this half term will be:

Teacher - Alex Taylor (Tuesday Teacher - Lesley)

Rachel -TA 5 days Lesley - TA 3.5 days Sarah - TA 4 days Jasmine - TA 3 days Carla - TA 3 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 'What I want to be when I grow up...'. In this topic we will be exploring different types of jobs, exploring what different jobs entail and how people doing these jobs help us. We will be thinking about what we enjoy doing. Looking at the different vehicles and tools that each job drive and use. We will be matching uniforms to their jobs and learning about a day in the life of different people. I wonder if our children in Hedgehogs will change their mind about what they want to be when they grow up after this half term!

English and communication learning

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

Our texts are;

- Busy People - Doctor
- Busy People - Police
- Busy People - Teacher
- Busy people - Firefighter

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

In hand gym and Dough Disco 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 we continue to support each child's progress in counting, sequencing and calculating numbers.

Our area of study for this half term is 'money'. We will be exploring different coins, their value, playing shops and exchanging a coin for a combination of coins of smaller amounts.

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

Continuing learning

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

- Talk about different jobs that members of the family do.
- Going on visits to open days at different places such as fire stations or police stations.
- Practice spreading skills at home when making toast, sandwiches or making cakes.
- Drawing with a range of media such as pencils, pens, crayons and chalks.
- Reading books about different jobs e.g. Anna and the doctor, Daisy saves the day, A Day with Paramedics and The Pet Vet.

Important dates

4th May - Bank Holiday

5th May - Inset day

23rd May - Half Term Holiday

6th July - Sports Week

22nd July - Last day of term.