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## Spring term 2 in Hedgehogs class

Tuesday 25th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely half term and the children have had lots of fun. Once again, we look forward to hearing all about the children's holidays and some of the things they have been getting up to.

Our new topic will be under the heading of 'Roots to Shoots' and we will be using the book called 'The Tiny Seed' to support our learning. We will be exploring the life cycle of plants and their structures during our science and Forest School lessons. There will be lots of learning around sunflowers through art and maths. We will also be enjoying Shrove Tuesday, World Book Day and the build up to Easter this half term.

### Weekly information

Mrs Hancock will continue to teach in Hedgehog class and will be assisted by Miss Ellis. If you have any concerns, questions or queries that you would like to discuss then please do not hesitate to speak to either of them at the end of the school day.

### **Forest School**

Forest School will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon and is led by Miss Ellis and supported by Mrs Glass. As the weather is still chilly the children will continue to need warmer layers of clothing. Gloves are essential as our fingers can get very cold. We do like to experience all weathers so they must be prepared! Please can you also make sure they bring a suitable coat that can get dirty as we would not want to ruin a new coat. Thank you.

### **PE**

Direct Sports Coaching will teach PE on a Thursday afternoon. Please could your child have their PE kit in school at all times including a pair of socks as the girls are wearing tights still and this leaves them with bare feet which may be uncomfortable in their pumps. If your child is attending an afterschool club where their kit is worn please can you ensure they bring their kit back the following day.

### **Swimming**

Year 1 children will continue swimming on a Friday along with the rest of the school. Miss Ellis will continue to support the Year 1's whilst Mrs Hancock remains at school with the Reception children.





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## Reading Books

Year 1 will continue to read daily and their books will be changed depending upon their comprehension of the text. At this point in the year we are focussing on their understanding of what they have read. Please ask questions about the text as well as ensuring they understand the meaning of the words they are reading especially if they are new or unfamiliar to them. Please could you make sure that your child has their reading book in their Book Bag every day. Please continue to record your comments when your child has read with you and we also would encourage reading to be shared as often as possible.

Reception children will continue to follow our reading scheme and will bring books home to share with you. Please read as often as possible with your child, this could include you reading their school book to them or reading a different book at bed time. We really appreciate your support at home and it really does make a difference to your child's confidence with their reading in school.

## Homework

Year One children will continue to have a 'Pick and Mix' style homework which will support the learning taking place in the classroom. The children continue to enjoy sharing their homework in the class towards the end of each week and they enjoy the praise offered from their friends. We really appreciate the support provided with this. Children should also be encouraged to read daily at home and talk about what they have read with an adult to support their developing literacy skills.

Reception children will be provided with a set of tricky red words. We encourage these to then be applied into short sentences with the children using their little green sounds books to support letter formation. We will also add mini challenges to Tapestry which your children can take part in and share back to the class during that week's challenge. These will be to support areas of the EYFS curriculum and can be from play activities to skill based activities. We hope you will have fun sharing the challenges with your children.

We value your continuing support with your children's learning. If you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to come in to talk to either Mrs Hancock or Miss Ellis.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hancock and Miss Ellis





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