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Hedgehogs' Newsletter – Autumn 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to welcome the children to Hedgehogs class and it has been lovely to see them settling into Year 1 and managing the new routines well.

Hedgehogs' Class Staff Team

As well as myself, we are joined in Hedgehogs this year by Mrs Murtagh and Mrs Hilton (INA). On Thursday afternoons during my planning allowance, the class will be taught by our specialist music teacher and will have a PE lesson taught by Mrs Sinclair.

Houses and Homes

This term our topic is Houses and Homes. We will be looking at the different types of houses and how they have changed over time. To begin our topic, we will be receiving a special 'delivery' from The Three Little Pigs, who have written us a letter asking for our help. From this, we will be investigating which materials are the most suitable to build a house. Our main text focus this term will be the familiar story of The Three Little Pigs by Nick Sharratt. We will be learning how to sequence the story, re-tell the story and also write our very own version! We will be looking at lots of different versions of this story such as The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Cat by Becky Davies.

Reading

It has been lovely to see so many parents reading regularly with their child. Please continue to share your child's reading book and write your comments in their reading record. Children can change their reading book each morning. We have been encouraging children to let us know each morning if they need to change their book. We will ensure that once your child has changed their book that this book is then quarantined before it goes back on the shelf.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on a Friday from the week commencing 21st September. The homework will have a section for maths which will explain and give an example of the learning we have done that week. There will be a selection of words to practice reading and writing at home which will be based on the phonics sounds that week and there will also be 5 spelling words to learn. We will have a spelling quiz on a Friday morning.

P.E.

PE sessions will be on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child arrives to school in their PE kits on these days. As the weather changes, they will need tracksuit bottoms so that PE sessions can continue outside.

Snacks

Fruit will be provided everyday for each child in Year 1. If your child would like to bring in an alternative/additional snack then this **must** be a healthy snack. For example, a piece of fruit, vegetables or crackers. If your child is bringing in a snack, please ensure this is in a named container.

Water bottles

Please could all children bring into school a labelled water bottle as it is important that they can access water throughout the school day. If children have a packed lunch please could they bring a separate water bottle to be kept in the classroom during the day. Please remember water bottles should only contain **water**.

Help and Support

If you would like to come in and help and support us it would be greatly appreciated! Reading with everyone each week is very difficult. If you are able to give an hour or two of your time, it really takes the pressure off and helps us to hear every child read each week. If anyone likes cutting and sticking, I'm sure we can find lots for you to do too!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Griffith, Mrs Murtagh and Mrs Hilton

