Hedgehog Class – Autumn 2 Curriculum Guide



Into Space and Celebrations

This unit develops children's curiosity about space, celebrations and the wider world. Through stories, creative experiences, discussion and purposeful play, children strengthen communication, early literacy, maths, physical and creative skills. Exploring different cultures, traditions and celebrations also supports children's understanding of communities, relationships, self-confidence and respect for others.

Literacy	In literacy this term we will be focusing on hearing initial, medial and final sounds in words and applying our phonics to read individual letters by saying their sounds. We will build a bank of sight vocabulary, practise writing our names and forming recognisable letters, enjoy a range of stories linked to our topic and develop speaking in clear, full sentences.
Mathematics	In maths, children will develop a secure understanding of numbers to 5 through counting, subitising, comparing and representing quantities. They will explore how numbers are composed, identify one more and one less, and investigate patterns, shape and measure through practical activities and purposeful play.
PSHE	In PSHE our Jigsaw focus is "Celebrating Difference". We will learn to play co-operatively, take turns, try new activities and talk about our likes and dislikes. We will revisit class and school rules, talk about how behaviour has consequences and develop turn-taking and listening in conversations. Children will also take part in our Christmas show.
Understanding the World	Our RE focus is Thankfulness, a Christian value we will celebrate across school. We will explore celebrations and traditions including Bonfire Night, Christmas and Diwali, and notice similarities and differences between families, communities and environments. In Computing, we will practise mouse control, logging on and off and explore simple programs. Forest School will help us observe the natural world and seasonal changes.
Physical Development	We will take part in PE every Tuesday with our sports coach. Our focus will be dance, moving in different ways with control and co-ordination and responding carefully to beats and rhythms. We will continue to develop pencil control, tripod grip, recognisable letter formation and one-handed tools such as scissors. Children will also practise buttons, zips, toileting and handwashing independently.
myHappymind	Children will explore what makes them unique and special, learning to recognise their own character strengths and those of others. Through stories, discussion and playful activities, children will develop confidence, positive self-esteem and an appreciation of the qualities that make everyone different.

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Expressive Arts and Design	We will work together on our Christmas show, learning songs and dances to perform. We will use a range of materials and media to create props, artwork and Christmas cards. We will also explore celebrations including Diwali and use junk modelling, colour and texture to create with a purpose in mind.
Helping at Home	Please share books and hear your child read for a few minutes each day, recording this in their reading diary. Continue to practise phonics sounds and actions, letter formation and sight words. Count objects around the house, match number names to numerals and talk about shapes, size, weight and length.