

Amazing Me

Who am I?




Reception Newsletter Term 1 2023

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Hedgehogs class!



Our topic for this first term is 'Amazing Me'. We will be reading a range of texts such as Farmer Duck, Little Red Hen and What Makes Me a Me. We will be exploring who we are as people and our place in the world. We will think about our family and who we live with and where we live. We will also be learning about our immediate environment, embarking on a tour of our new school and the grounds. Alongside this, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and recognising amounts. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds. We will be using the phonics programme Little Wandle which was embedded school wide last year.

 <p>Reading</p>	Your child will bring books home each week, one of these will be a Little Wandle text which will remain the same all week. Please do share this book with your child as often as you can as this will give your child confidence and develop their fluency. The other books will be supplementary and changed more often. It is essential that books and reading journals are brought into school every day as these will be used during our reading sessions. Initially, the books that you will share will not have any words in them. At this stage it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section.
 <p>Little Wandle Letters & Sounds</p>	Each week, the children will bring home the sounds and words we have covered within our phonics lessons. The children can practice these sounds by writing them or finding words and objects that start with them. We have noticed that the children who practice these sounds regularly in a variety of contexts benefit greatly.
 <p>Maths</p>	We will be using the maths mastery approach, alongside White Rose Maths to help with our teaching of number and numerical pattern. We will also use Cbeebies Numberblocks. The children will participate in direct teaching inputs, and will have opportunities within their play and independent learning to put new techniques into practice!

Gentle Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always bring a named **coat** particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our regular PE days are **Thursdays, but we ask that PE kits are in all week**. These will be returned on the last day of each half term. **May we please ask that all PE items are named.**
- It would be advisable that your child brings a **full change of named clothes** into school with them in a named plastic bag. Although we have spares, these tend to run out quickly!

Forest School

The children will have their first session of Forest School on Wednesday 20th September. The children will take part in one session per term and the dates for these will be put in each of the school newsletters and termly class newsletters. For this session and all future forest school sessions we advise that the children have the following in a named bag;

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| - A pair of wellington boots (These can be kept at school all year round) | - A waterproof jacket/ coat |
| - A pair of leggings or trousers | - Waterproof trousers or overalls (if you have them) |
| - A long sleeved top | - Hat, scarf, gloves for the winter months |
| - A jumper/ fleece | - Hat and sun cream for summer months |
| - A pair of socks | |

Home Learning

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school.

Phonics – If you are supporting your child with their phonics at home please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way.

Useful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – Phase 2 - phonics games and activities.

www.topmarks.co.uk – Early Years maths and phonics games.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> - number blocks clips

We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Howes and Miss Caddick

