

‘Why does change happen?’

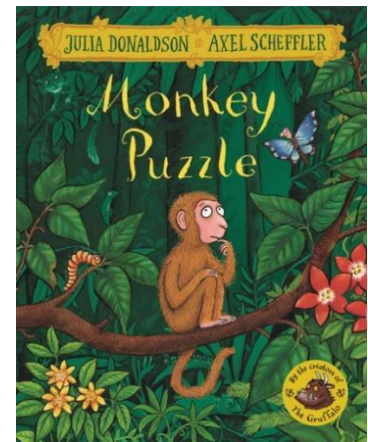
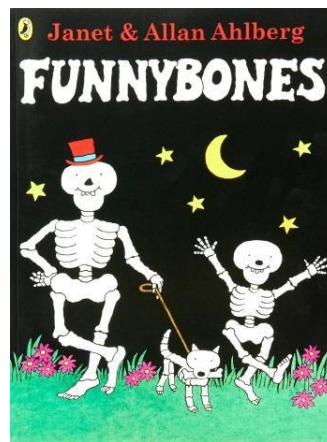
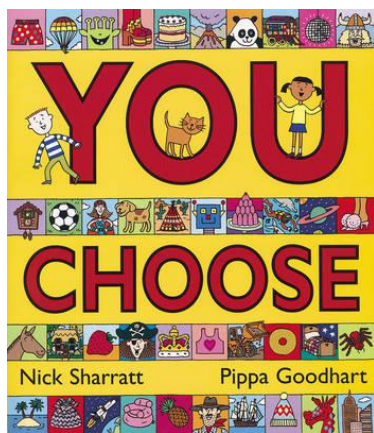
Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 1 2025-2026

Dear Hedgehogs Families,

Welcome back. We really hope everybody had a fun and relaxing summer. We are really looking forward to seeing all the children and starting our new topic. This term we will be exploring,

‘Why does change happen?’

This topic will support the children in understanding change and the impact this has in their lives. Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be looking at and some of the work we will be doing in teacher focussed activities and group work. We are also placing an emphasis on continuing to learn times tables through maths sessions and at home.

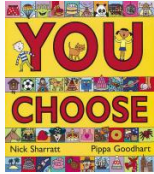

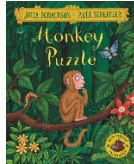




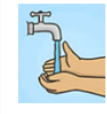












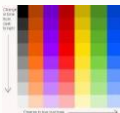



Useful Websites to support learning.

- <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/htbw/>
- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/humanbody.html>

Key Questions

- 1) Can you discuss number, e.g what number is one more than 9?
- 2) Can you name some of the parts of your body, e.g head?
- 3) Can you find out about my significant event in the past?
- 4) Can you discuss why having a balanced diet is important?
- 5) Can you sing a song you have learnt about in Music?

‘Why does change happen?’ Learning Map Term 1 2025/20026

Literacy	Key writing skills 		Repetition and alliteration 		Story writing 
Maths	Number and place value 			Addition and subtraction 	
Science	Scientific enquiry 	Healthy eating 	Hygiene 	Exercise 	
History	My personal history 	Events in my local area 		Events in my lifetime 	
Music	Songs about me 				
ICT	E-Safety 				
PSHE			Being me in the world 		
Art	Mark making 	Tones 		Illustrations 	
RE	What does it mean to belong to a faith community? 		Faith community		

Home learning:

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>recording this on Boom Reader</u>.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. Hedgehogs are encouraged to change their books regularly, please can you help remind your child when their books need changing.</p>
Phonics and Spelling Year 1	<p>In Year 1 we will initially recap our Level 4 polysyllabic words and adjacent consonants. From Week 3 of Term 1 we will begin Level 5 sounds and Common Exception Words. These will be sent home in the style of a bookmark. Please support your child to read and spell these words at home weekly.</p>
Phonics and Spelling Year 2	<p>We will send home our usual speligns of Common Exception Words and words with specific spellings. This will change weekly. In Year 2 we will be working with Level 6 of Twinkl Phonics. The focus for each week will change and will be reflected in the bookmarks we send home.</p> <p>Please support your child to read and spell these words at home weekly.</p>
Maths	<p>For Maths homework please work through the weekly activities set on Mathletics. These will relate to their current learning or learning to come. These activities will support the consolidation the elements of maths we are covering.</p>

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Debenham