



HEDGEHOGS' NEWSLETTER TERM 2 2017-18

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the break. I hope that the children all enjoyed a good rest after the residential to Bewl and a busy term. We were all so proud of the children's achievements while we were away. Many of the children really challenged themselves and showed a great deal of independence.

I will continue to teach the class all day on a Monday, Tuesday and a Thursday. Mrs Blunt will teach the class on a Wednesday and a Friday to allow me to carry out my deputy head role. Mrs Carley and Mrs Berry will continue to support the class.

If you do have any questions, comments or concerns then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me either before school or at the end of the day.

We are all looking forward to a great term.

Ms Godfrey, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Carley and Mrs Berry

Key Dates

- Monday 30th October** - First day of Term 2
- Thursday 16th November**- Parent Consultations
- Friday 17th November**- Children in Need
- Monday 27th- Thursday 30th November**- Book Fair
- Friday 1st December**- Tree Dressing
- Friday 8th December**- Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 12th December**- Children's Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 14th December**- KS2 Carol Concert
- Friday 15th December**- Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 18th December**- Christmas Mix Up Day
- Tuesday 19th December** - Last day of Term 2
- Wednesday 20th December**- INSET Day





Topics Overview

English -With Ms Godfrey, the class will be learning more about persuasive leaflets and how these are structured before they begin writing their own promotional material for Bewl Water. We will also begin to explore suspense stories using the work of Pie Corbett and using film extracts to help us plan our writing. We will then be looking at some classic poetry. Mrs Blunt will be focusing on the children's use of grammar including conjunctions, adverbial phrases and complex sentences.

Maths - During our sessions this term we will continue to focus on a variety of different aspects of 'Number' including multiplication and division. We will also be converting metric units of measurement and learning more about digital and analogue clocks. Mrs Blunt will be working with the class to improve their understanding of shapes and their properties introducing the vocabulary of parallel, perpendicular and diagonal.

Science - Our topic for this term is 'Earth and Space'. During these lessons the children will explore the planets in our solar system and be able to describe the movement of the Earth and moon to explain day and night and months and seasons.

R.E - Our topic for this term is Christianity. We will be focusing on ceremonies and rituals such as marriage, funerals and baptism.

P.E - This term the children will have PE on a **Monday** (Wake & Shake) and **Friday** (Cross Country/ OAA). Wake & shake will be taught by Ms Godfrey and will involve the children developing their collaboration skills whilst producing a dance routine to a chosen song. Outdoor PE will be taught by Mr Packer. *Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for these sessions.*

Computing - Our topic this term is 'We are Web Designers'. During these sessions the children will learn more about how web pages are constructed. They will then plan and develop their own web page based on the topic of online safety. The children will continue to learn about staying safe online.

Art/D.T. - This term the children will be designing and making a moon buggy. They will learn to use tools such as hacksaws and effective ways to join materials.

History/Geography - During our Humanities sessions this term, we will be looking at 'Rivers'. This will involve learning about the water cycle and physical features of rivers such as meanders and ox bow lakes.

PSHE - This term our topic is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. During these sessions the children will spend time learning about how to resolve conflict with their peers.

Music - The children will continue to learn how to play the ukulele. These sessions will be taken by Mrs Willmott, the school's guitar teacher.

French- We will be learning about music and the French vocabulary associated with this. They will continue to practise their numbers and greetings in French.



Home Learning

Spellings

Each week the children will continue to be given spellings on a **Thursday** that need to be practised and learnt for a test the following **Tuesday**. Spellings that the children learn will be based upon learning in class as well as from the Y5 and Y6 spelling expectations. At the end of each term we will also be setting the children individual spellings from the errors they have made in class in their own writing. Spelling practice will now take place in the children's red homework books. They are asked to practise each word 5 times and then to choose three of the ten words to use in a sentence. This makes up a significant part of their home learning and I do expect that the children make time to practise and learn their spellings each week.

Additional Tasks

Alongside spellings, the children will be set an additional, shorter task that will be related to learning taking place within the classroom, allowing them further opportunities to consolidate their understanding of key areas and concepts. This task could be from any area of the curriculum. We may sometimes use the home learning task to prepare them for future learning in the classroom.

The children should also be regularly practising their times tables.

Reading

Regular reading should still be taking place at home. Now that the children are older this does not need to be reading aloud to an adult every day but it is expected that the children will be reading and recording this in their contact books at least four times per week. The children can read a combination of their school reading books as well as their own books from home, the class book corner or the library. We would encourage the children to read as widely as possible and to include both fiction and non-fiction texts such as newspapers.