

Hedgehog Class' Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1



As readers, Hedgehog Class will continue to read daily in either their Read Write Inc. phonic groups or with their Reading Rangers comprehension groups. In phonics, the children will continue to read books appropriate to their reading level. In Mr Turner's Reading Rangers group, the children begin the school year with 'Super Dad's Day Off'.

As writers, the children will be exploring the stories of 'Supertato'. The children will explore the features of the narrative texts known as 'overcoming a monster', and learn and apply the skills needed to write an effective story with a new monster or villain to overcome.



As mathematicians, we will begin by exploring place value. Children in year two will recap their understanding of numbers to 20 and year three will recap numbers to 100. They will then use a variety of different representations to show their understanding of numbers to 100 (year two) and numbers to 1,000 (year three), before comparing and ordering objects and numbers.

As scientists, the children will be learning all about how animals (including humans) survive and stay healthy. We look closely at what makes a healthy, balanced diet and learn about the nutrients that food provides. We will also learn some names of bones in the human body and carry out an investigation to explore if longer femurs means a longer standing jump. In addition, we will learn about how muscles help us move and make a scientific model to explain.



As athletes, the children will be developing their rugby skills, focusing on passing, catching, running with the ball, and working as part of a team. They will also be learning simple tactics for attacking and defending, as well as evaluating their performance, considering what they did well and how they could improve. In addition, the children will be developing their stamina and endurance through cross country running. They will focus on pacing themselves, improving their running technique, and setting personal goals. The children will also learn how to support and encourage others in a competitive environment, as well as reflect on their achievements and areas for further development.

As historians, Hedgehog Class will be exploring Kings, Queens, castles and knights. We will be looking at some of the more notable monarchs throughout British history, how and why castles were built and we will also explore the impact each of these monarchs had in the history of Britain.



As artists, children of Hedgehog Class will be introduced to the work of Caravaggio. They will explore the effect of light and shadow, but also the realistic shape and form of vegetables and fruit. The children will also look at a variety of other artists who use food within their works, and make observational studies, mould and shape fruits from clay, creating artwork that shows progression in their skills.

As linguists, the children will begin by learning (or recapping) the basic greetings of 'hello', 'hi' and 'good evening/night'. They will then move onto asking each other's names and how they are feeling, learning a variety of different responses to the latter.

As computing practitioners, we will begin the year by learning about 'online safety'. Children will learn how to use search engines safely, the risks involved with setting up accounts and what being a good 'digital citizen' looks like.

