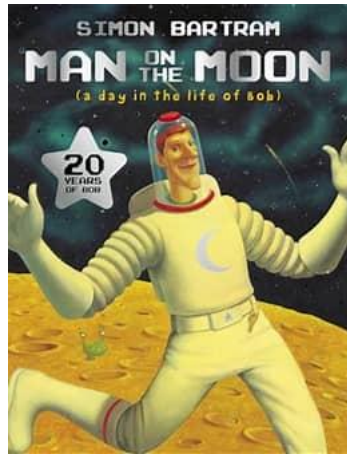


Hedgehogs Class Spring Newsletter 2024 - 2025

Welcome back to school and happy new year!
We have a lot of exciting learning this term; this newsletter will give you an insight into each subject.

English

Here are a few of our focus books and writing outcomes for the Spring Terms.



This term we will unpick the theme explorers to support our writing outcomes. Within our learning journey we will discover famous explorers and learn about their achievements and challenges.

We will be writing in a variety of genres including a diary entry from the perspective of an astronaut, a postcard detailing our discoveries and a set of instructions.

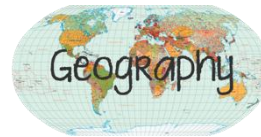


Phonics

Children will have Phonics lessons every day as usual. They will continue to develop their knowledge of different grapheme-phoneme correspondences and we will be applying them in our reading and writing.

Geography

In geography we will be exploring our local area. Through field studies we will answer our big question - *Do our school grounds support plant life?*



Maths

Year 1 - We will continue to stretch ourselves and explore place value within 50 and build a foundation knowledge of measurement.



Year 2 - Throughout this term we will explore money, multiplication and division and develop our understanding by exploring length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

History

Our history lessons this term will take us on an adventure through time exploring our local area.



We will build upon our geographical skills to explore our local area through the use of maps and explore how Fawkham has changed over time.

Science

This term, we will learn to deepen our understanding of living things around us and start to unpick why animals live in particular habitats. Through the use of experiments and observations we will develop our ability to ask questions and create wonders about the world we live in.



RE

Our big question this term is - *What is the good news that Jesus brings?* This term we will be exploring the Gospel and where this fits into the Bible alongside the Creation story and Incarnation. We will discuss in-depth what the Gospel means to Christians and how they use Bible stories to guide their beliefs.



Art

During the second part of the term we will be exploring sketching skills; how to hold a pencil effectively when sketching, exploring how pressure and grip can impact our artwork.



Design and Technology

This term we will be using our design skills and our understanding of materials to build a moving monster. We will begin by exploring moving mechanisms and use this new knowledge to help us design and plan our project. After we have built our models we will use our reflective skills to assess our achievements.

Music

We will explore a range of genres this term and identify the key features of different types of music. We will use our voices expressively and creatively to sing songs, chants and rhymes that fit within the different genres.



PSHE

What is bullying?
- what are bullying behaviours, how to stop bullying and the impact it can have on an individual's wellbeing.



Computing

This term we will be introducing on-screen programming through Scratch. We will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds and use programming blocks to use, modify and create programs.



PE

In Term 3 we will be building upon our foundation knowledge of dance and using skills we have learnt in gym to create sequences. In Term 4 Hedgehogs class will be learning the game and rules of hockey.



Information

Monday - Mrs Pocock will teach during the afternoons

- PE on Monday with Mrs Pocock - wear PE kits to school
- Little Wandle books returned

Tuesday - Mrs Wise will teach during the afternoons

Wednesday - Homework due in

- Library books returned

Thursday - PE on Thursday - wear PE kits to school

Friday - Library books sent home

- Little Wandle books sent home



Homework

Wednesday - Maths and Spelling homework sent home
- Maths and Spelling homework due in

Daily - reading should be regular, at least 3 sessions a week

