

# Hedgehogs Class Spring Newsletter 2023-2024

## Topic

In Term 3, our topic will be *The Gingerbread Man* and *The Knight who Wouldn't Fight*.

In Term 4, our topic will be *Fairytales*.

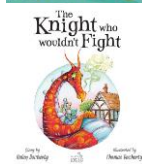


## English

We will be looking at different texts related to our Topics during the spring terms.

### Term 3

During Term 3, we will be covering the famous story of *The Gingerbread Man*, where we will have the writing outcome of producing a repetitive story and changing the ending of the tale. We will also be exploring *The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight*, where our writing outcome will be to write a non-chronological report about dragons.



### Term 4

We will be reading two fairytales in Term 4 - *Hansel and Gretel* as well as *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. After reading these traditional tales, we will write a detailed description of the Witch's cottage as our writing outcome.



## Welcome Back!

Welcome Hedgehogs! I hope you had the most wonderful Christmas with friends and family - I can't wait to hear all about it! I was very overwhelmed by all of the lovely cards and gifts from you all and would like to say a big **THANK YOU** - it made my Christmas very special. Now we are entering Term 3, this newsletter will give you an overview of our learning for this and next term.

## 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 other lessons. If they are part of the Little Wandle reading groups, they are expected to read their book at home after three reads of the book in school.

## RE

We will be covering the religion of Christianity in the Spring Terms, understanding the unit 'Gospel' in RE in Term 3, and 'Salvation' in Term 4.



## Maths

### Year 1 -

This term in maths, Year 1 will be learning about addition and subtraction within 20, as well as place value within 50. They will also be learning about measurement of lengths, heights, weights, and volumes. They will be using a lot of manipulatives to support their learning.



### Year 2 -

For the spring terms in Year 2, maths will consist of multiplication and division. As well as this, Year 2 will be learning about statistics, properties of shapes and fractions. Year 2 will also be using manipulatives to support their learning.

## History

We are going to be considering where kings and queens have lived throughout history.



## Geography

We will be exploring our local park.



## Science

Our focus for the term is *Animals including Humans*. We will be naming animals and body parts, explaining what they are for. We will also be looking into the work of Amy Vedder, an ecologist who is famous for her work in setting up a conservation for critically endangered animals.



## Music

We are focusing on two different themes this term. The first is 'Superheroes', which looks at *pitch and tempo*. The second is 'Musical Me' where we will explore melody, dynamics, timbre and simple notation.



## Art

In Term 4, our Art unit is 'How have artists been inspired by castles?'. We will be designing, sculpting (using clay) and painting our own sculptures of castles.



## Design and Technology

This term in DT, we will be exploring the unit 'Puppets', where we will be creating hand puppets through textiles.



## PSHE

Our topics during the Spring terms will be "What helps us stay healthy?" and "What can we do with money?" These topics will allow us to investigate real life problems that people face every day, and educate us on how we can keep ourselves happy and healthy through our diets, the activities we take part in, and the hobbies we engage in.



## Computing

For this term in computing, we will be learning about creating media through digital painting in Term 3, and digital writing in Term 4.



## PE

During Term 3 and 4, our focus in PE will be on building our social skills.

In Term 3 we will work on our dynamic balance and agility through jumping and landing.

In Term 4 we are going to work on our static/seated balance. We will also learn about Dance and Hockey in this time.



## Homework

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

Daily - reading should be regular at least 5 sessions a week



## Information

**Monday** - Miss Richardson will be teaching in the afternoon. Please come in PE kits.

- Little Wandle books are due in.
- A new reading book will be sent home for everyone. This will be a reading for pleasure book chosen by the children themselves from the library or our amazing reading corner. This will be for you to read together at home.

**Wednesday** - Homework due in

**Friday** - Little Wandle books will be sent with your child on a Friday for them to read to you at home. You **must** remember to return your Little Wandle book on Mondays or your child may not take home a LW book on Friday.

- Library book due in

