

Hedgehog News

Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and had some time to relax. I am looking forward to welcoming the children back and starting a new year as Hedgehog class.

This half term we will be starting the year learning all about settlements linking in with learning about the Iron Age into the Stone Age. During this area of learning, we will also be learning about different rock types as well as how to draw different types of buildings while looking into the artists Antonio, Gaudi and Hundertwasser. We will also be starting our French learning.

Key Information:

- PE kits worn to school on PE days. We will be having 3 PE sessions this half term. These will be on a Monday and Thursday. On Monday from the 19th the children will be doing swimming so will wear the PE kits to swimming. In our expectations evening we will be discussing swimming.
- Most reminders and updates will be sent via Dojo. Please ensure you have access to this.

Reading Days:

Monday = Red Team Wednesday = Green Team
Tuesday = Yellow Team Thursday = Blue team

Key Dates:

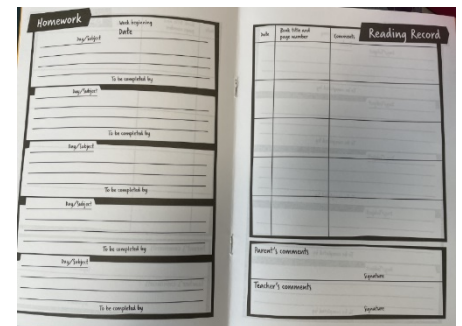
- 5th - Inset Day
- 6th - First Day Back
- 8th - Life Education Visit
- 12th - Expectations evening
- 15th - Scooter Day
- 19th - Swimming Starts & Flu Immunisation
- 3rd October - School Photos
- 4th October - Rags to Riches
- 20th October - Break up for Half term.

Daily Reading:

This year we really want to focus on the children's reading. As you know, reading helps the children in many areas of the curriculum and allows them access to a new adventurous world. To help them with this we are asking for the children to read 4 out of the 5 days a week. We understand the children are very busy but fitting in 10 minutes of reading a day will allow them to make fantastic progress and hopefully fall in love with reading. Once they have read, please record this in their new homework diary books. A picture below shows how their new diaries can be used. Each morning, when the children come into school, we will be looking in their diaries to see if they have read. If the children have not been able to read 4 out of the 5 times in the week, they can have some catch up reading time during Friday Breaktime. We believe this will support and improve their reading as they move through the year and then the school.

New Homework Diaries:

As we are now a year 2/3 class, we wanted to provide the children with a way in which they can record all of their fantastic activities at home. This will also prepare them as they move through the school. Our new homework diaries can be used for recording the children's reading as well as any home learning, they do. In the diary, each week has a double page spread with daily reading being able to be recorded on one side and home learning activities being recorded on the other. There is then a section for teacher comments at the bottom.



I cannot wait to teach the children for another year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via Dojo and I'll be happy to help.

Here's to another amazing academic year as Hedgehog Class!

Miss Cooper

