



Year One Hedgehogs - Autumn Term Two Newsletter



We are well into our second term of Year One and the children are making fantastic progress.

Last term we had some super learning taking place, with some of the highlights being: our Autumn walk to the woods, Tesco visiting us to help us learn about healthy eating, performing 'The Little Red Hen' and making bread, finding out about The Great Fire of London and so much more!



How can you support at home?



Thank you for all your support in ensuring homework is completed weekly, we loved seeing all the art projects last term and all the great results in spelling and maths. The children are becoming excellent little readers with learning new sounds in phonics and all their practise at home. We are beginning to move children up to new levels when appropriate. This term we will continue to set Abacus maths games online and would like the children to keep learning their weekly spelling words. We will be sending out a homework project challenge this week to work on and inviting you into class to celebrate the children's achievements... watch this space!

What are we learning this term?



During the first week back in English, we had a whole school debate and our Year One children enjoyed coming up with reasons to support viewpoints. Last week studied Non-Fiction texts about The Gun Powder Plot and Remembrance Day, resulting in writing letters and questions. This week we are reading Handa's Surprise, a narrative story set in Africa. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at how to write a story of our own.

In Maths so far we have been investigating number sequences and learning addition and subtraction using number bonds to 10. This week we are using positional language, measuring lengths and heights, and coming up we will be beginning to use doubling and halving as well as using addition and subtraction with money





In our topic time we are learning about our school setting and the surrounding towns and villages. The children have already expertly located their homes using Google Maps! We are finding out about how letters are delivered and the importance of addresses; our home corner is in the process of being turned into a Post Office. Soon the children will be writing instructions on how to get to get to school from their home, so it would be great if you could make this a topic of discussion on your way in on the morning. Nearer the time we will be learning more about Christmas and how it is celebrated in different cultures. As part of our creative lessons we are exploring weaving.



We continue with a creative and practical way of learning throughout Year One and many of our subjects are taught in a cross-curricular way. We are always grateful for any items from home that you no longer need, that could help us with learning please, particularly including: **Wool, fabric, tinsel, baubles, envelopes, cards, invitations, boxes, tubes, cartons** etc. Thank you!



Thank you to all of you that have sent wellies into school for your child, they are really helpful for them to be able to change into for days when the grass is muddy. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times, we will send it home again at the end of term for washing.



We look forward to seeing you all for Parents Evening and for all of the forthcoming events in school this term.

