

Hedgehogs Class Newsletter

Summer 1st Half 2018



Growth and Change

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after our Easter break. We hope you are all refreshed and recharged for the start of the Summer term.

Our topic is going to be focussed around Growth and Change. We are planning to create a garden centre and a baby clinic so if you have any objects that are related to these; such as plants, seed trays, realistic baby dolls, nappy changing mats, scales (?!) that you no longer want we would really appreciate them!

Personal, Social and Emotional development

In **RE** our topic will be Human Responsibility. God made a wonderful world. How will we look after it? Children will hear relevant stories from the Bible, be involved in lots of planting, find out about how to care for our environment and will visit Newsells our Forest Schools site to support this learning.

In **PSHE** this half term our circle time will be focussed on our new topic of "Good to be me." The theme as a whole focuses on: Understanding feelings, and why and how they lead us to behave the way we do - particularly the feelings of being excited, proud, surprised, hopeful, disappointed, worried and anxious. Self-awareness - feeling good about myself, taking risks. Managing my feelings - relaxing, coping with anxiety. Standing up for myself - assertiveness, standing up for my views.

Communication, Language and Literacy

In **C&L** To help develop questioning we will start a new morning activity. We will have a hidden object and tell the children they must ask questions to try to guess what it is.

To listen and respond to ideas expressed by other in conversation or discussion.

Children to respond to instructions involving two-part sequences.

To listen to stories, anticipate key events and respond with relevant comments and questions.

To show awareness of the listeners' needs.

In **Literacy** The children will read a range of books based around growth and change. These will include Rosie's babies, monkey puzzle, Jaspers beanstalk, the enormous turnip, the hungry caterpillar, the little seed etc.

Reception focus- to read simple texts themselves and to write a sentence that they can read back. Work on using story language in their writing.

Nursery focus- To hear initial sounds in words, to link sounds to letters and to orally blend words.

Reception children will be asked to change their books daily, if they have read at home. Once again, we thank you for supporting your children by hearing them read five times a week.

Maths development

Reception to focus on ELG and exceeding - Secure doubling and halving, adding and subtracting by counting on and back. To estimate a number of objects and check quantities to 20. They solve practical problems that involve combining groups of 2, 5 or 10 and sharing into equal groups.

Nursery- To begin to use 40-60 E plans. Recognise numbers to 5, count objects to 10 and beyond, select correct number to represent 1-5, 1-10, order 2/3 items by length.

Knowledge and Understanding

Observing and recording plant growth. Children to bring back beans from holiday. Lots of planting outside- create a garden centre. Sorting pieces of plants. Look at changes from when they were babies. What changes occur? What can they do now that they couldn't as a baby? Set up a baby clinic in role play. Invite a mum in to talk about their baby.

Physical development

Reception- to work on forming letters correctly. To hop confidently and skip in time to the music. Begin to write letters on the lines and control letter size.

Nursery- To write own names. Experiment with different ways on moving. To look at healthy eating when growing vegetables- discuss eating a variety of foods.

Sport: All children will have a focussed dance lesson on a Wednesday where they will be learning traditional Maypole and country dances and an outdoor games lesson on a Friday, with a focus on throwing and catching skills and obstacle work.

Expressive arts and design

Painting and printing flowers and plants. Lots of colour mixing to create different shades of flowers. Printing hands and feet to measure. Look at Georgia o' Keffe flower paintings, Andy Goldsworthy sculptures- to create some in Newsells.

Role play- baby clinic and garden centre.

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