

**2024 Spring term**  
**Reception – Hedgehog Class**



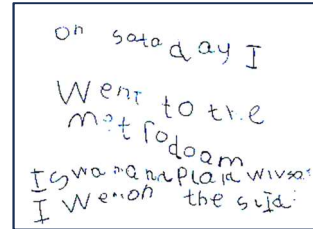
**Themes**

**Autumn 1:** Me, my family, my home    **Autumn 2:** Light & Dark.  
**Spring 1:** Animals around the world.    **Spring 2:** Things that grow.  
**Summer 1:** People that help us.    **Summer 2:** Exploring & adventures.

**Literacy:** We have started the term sharing books that feature wild animals to help us identify their characteristics. After reading stories, we discuss as a class; the children are encouraged to share their own knowledge and experiences of animals. The children will bring home a reading book and a library book to share with parents every Thursday and will also access a wide range of reading books in the classroom to help them develop a real love for reading.



**Literacy - writing skills:** The children are beginning to develop independence in their writing. This term they will be asked to write simple words that they can sound out on their own using their phonic knowledge. By the end of the Spring term, they will be asked to write simple phrases independently. The classroom offers lots of opportunities to practise writing during play.



**Phonics:** The children have daily phonics lessons; building up their understanding of each of the 44 phonic sounds and how to represent them in writing. Lessons will cover phase 2 & 3 phonemes. The children will use this knowledge to practise spelling words and further develop their reading skills.



**Understanding the World:** This term we are learning all about different animals around the world. We have explored where in the world different animals live, what their habitats are like, and have begun to understand that all animals are all different and can be recognised by their key characteristics. Later in the term we will move onto dinosaurs and mythical creatures. After half term, we will be exploring all things that grow – from crops that we eat as healthy foods, to farm animals, minibeasts and insects. We will hopefully be linking this to a trip to the farm in April.

**Art:** Already this term we have discovered different ways to create paintings and drawings of wild animals, paying particular attention to patterns and markings. Later in the term we will be trying leaf rubbing, collages, and junk modelling. After half term our art will reflect our topic of 'Things that grow'.

**Maths:** This term we are exploring weight, size, capacity, and length. We are also developing a deep understanding of the numbers 6, 7, & 8. After half term we will begin to learn about doubles, number bonds, and 3D shapes - as well as extending our deeper understanding of number to 9 & 10. The children will also practise writing numbers.



**School values:**

**Curiosity:** Asking questions about our wonderful world and having a thirst to find out more.

**Forgiveness:** The act of letting go and moving on.

