



Welcome to Hedgehog Class!
Hedgehog Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2023



Class Teachers: Mrs Emma Asfaw &

Mrs Hannah Newlands

HLTAS: Mrs Trudy Snow and Ms Laura While

Dear Parents,

We would just like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your children into Year 2.

We are very lucky to know lots of you very well already, and we're excited to get to know your children better this year, sharing lots of lovely learning that we have planned for the year ahead.

We know that moving into a new class can be a time of worry and anxiety for children, but it has been wonderful to see everyone coming into school with a big smile and showing great attitudes to their learning! Most of the children have now settled exceptionally well but if you have any worries or concerns, please do contact us and we will do our utmost to try and offer support where we can. We want everyone in Hedgehog Class to be happy to come to school!

Below are some notes to help your child.

- PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons during this term. Please ensure that your child is wearing their full PE kit on these days.
- For safety reasons, please can we ask that children do not wear jewellery (especially earrings) or watches to school on PE days. If children have long hair, it should be tied up for PE.
- Following recent phonics assessments, children will now bring home reading books. Please can you ensure that reading books and diaries are in bags every Friday for changing, along with their library books from the previous week. Please note that a reading/library book will not be provided to your child if they have not returned their books from the previous week.
- We will be listening to your child read regularly in school but we would be very grateful if you could also hear your child read at least 3 times a week for 10-15 minutes. Children love sharing their reading books with adults and their siblings and we really encourage lots of conversation about their texts and what they are enjoying reading about. If you could sign their reading record and indicate if there are any issues with comprehension or vocabulary, it would help us to make sure we are supporting the children in their reading at home.
- Spellings – we will be sending spelling lists home very soon. We would be grateful if you could help your child practice their weekly spellings. Our spelling tests will be on Friday mornings.
- As we get closer to Christmas, we will be starting to introduce formal times tables practise. In Year 2, children are required to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2. Once we have

introduced times tables, your child will then be provided with an online login for Times Tables Rock Stars to practise at home.

- If you haven't already done so, please can you provide your child with a pair of wellies that will remain in school.

- Please ensure you contact the school office or send an email via the class email if collection/walking home arrangements change.

Hedgehog Class arrangements:

- Mrs Asfaw will be teaching Hedgehog Class every Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Newlands shall be teaching the class every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Asfaw is in school all week fulfilling her other important roles, so we will be lucky to be in school together during the week!

- Mrs Newlands will be out of Class every other Thursday afternoon for PPA time. This time will be covered by Mrs Snow.

We want to thank you in advance for your co-operation and support over the coming year and should you have any queries or concerns, please catch us on the door, either before or after school. Alternatively send an email and we will do our best to help.

With very best wishes, Mrs Asfaw, Mrs Newlands, Mrs Snow and Ms While.