



HEDGEHOG CLASS

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2026

Growing Dreams • Building Confidence • Exploring Our World



A Warm Welcome from Mrs Plumb

I am delighted to start our first term together in Hedgehog Class.

We have an exciting Autumn Term ahead, filled with creativity, curiosity and discovery.

Thank you for your continued support. Regular reading at home and practising Times Tables Rock Stars will make a huge difference to your child's confidence and progress.

We encourage all children to read at least **5 times** each week.

Together, we can help every child flourish.

Mrs Plumb



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME



READ TO SUCCEED

- ✓ Read at least **5** times each week
- ✓ Discuss new vocabulary
- ✓ Ask questions about characters and events
- ✓ Encourage answers using evidence from the text



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

- ✓ 5-10 minutes daily
- ✓ Rapid recall of multiplication facts
- ✓ Improved confidence in maths



AUTUMN FAMILY CHALLENGE

Get outdoors and explore!



Changing leaves



Seeds and nuts



Wildlife habitats



Signs of autumn

Use our new vocabulary to describe your discoveries!

ENGLISH

Texts This Term

- ✿ The Seed of Doubt
- ✿ Varmints

Key Learning

- Character descriptions
- Poetry and speeches
- Persuasive letters and leaflets
- Nature writing and conservation
- Explanation texts

Key Vocabulary

aspiration • resilience • mentor
metaphor • encouragement • persuasive
habitat • conservation • germination
pollination



MATHEMATICS



Year 3

- Place value to 1,000
- Number lines
- Estimation
- Comparing and ordering
- Roman numerals
- Addition and subtraction



Key Vocabulary

digit • partition • estimate • compare
round • exchange • inverse • numeral

Year 4

- Place value to 10,000
- Rounding numbers
- Comparing and ordering
- Roman numerals to 100
- Formal written methods



SCIENCE

LIGHT & SHADOWS

- Light and darkness
- Reflection investigations
- Sun safety & UV protection
- How shadows are formed
- Measuring shadow sizes
- Scientific enquiry
- Recording and interpreting results

Key Vocabulary

light • source • reflection • reflective
opaque • translucent • transparent
ultraviolet • shadow • investigate

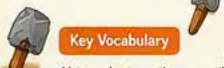


HISTORY & ART



HISTORY: STONE AGE TO IRON AGE

- Fire and survival
- Farming and settlements
- Skara Brae
- Bronze Age Britain
- Iron Age Britain



Key Vocabulary

prehistory • hunter-gatherer • settlement
agriculture • trade • hillfort • civilisation

ART: CAVE PAINTINGS

- Cave art study
- Natural pigments
- Charcoal drawing
- Cave painting techniques
- Textured backgrounds



Key Vocabulary

pigment • texture
charcoal • tone
silhouette



READING

Class Texts



Reading Skills

- ✓ Prediction
- ✓ Retrieval
- ✓ Vocabulary
- ✓ Inference
- ✓ Fluency
- ✓ Comparison
- ✓ Themes
- ✓ Authorial Intent



RE

How does believing Jesus is a saviour inspire Christians to help others?

- Salvation
- Bible stories
- Christian values
- Helping others



PSHE

- Being Me in My World
- Friendships
- Teamwork
- Belonging
- Responsibility
- Resilience



MUSIC • FRENCH • PE



MUSIC

- Rhythm
- Notation
- Percussion



- Greetings
- Introductions

PE

- Fitness
- Agility
- Teamwork
- Healthy lifestyles



OUR BIG IDEAS THIS TERM



Believe in Yourself



Love Reading



Stay Curious



Be Creative



Be Kind



Never Give Up



We can't wait for a wonderful Autumn Term in Hedgehog Class!