

Things to Remember...

- **Our PE sessions are on Mondays and Tuesdays.** Please come to school wearing your PE kit for the whole day.
- **Reading** → We will change the reading books on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure you read with your child **at least 3 times a week** and write in the reading record. The books that we send home, enable the children to practise using their phonic sounds to segment and blend independently

Please come and speak to myself and Mrs Hills if you have any questions or queries, however big or small, we will do our best to help.

Wednesdays... Reception children -Welly Walks!

On Wednesday afternoons, the reception children will go on Welly Walk with Miss Eaglen and Mrs Hills.

We ask that you send your child to school dressed in old, warm clothes, to enable us to take our learning outside. **Lots of layers keep us warm when it gets chilly.** And don't forget your **waterproofs!** We go whatever the weather!

Wednesdays ...Year 1 children -Science

The year 1 children will all be getting together for Science lessons with Mrs Beckwith. They will be learning about the human body including naming and labelling basic parts of the body and the different senses we use to experience the world

Tapestry - Reception children

Please try and upload photographs of things you get up to at home. We love sharing your posts and home learning with the children in their show and tell. I will set some **HOME CHALLENGES** for you to get involved with each term. The children are getting really good at talking about their pictures on Tapestry and it wonderful to see their confidence grow in front of their friends.

Dates for your diary:

- French Day - Friday 14th February
- Hedgehog Class Trip to Drucillas. - Monday 10th March
- Hedgehog trip to Cumnor House for a Science afternoon - Wednesday 12th March.



Hedgehog Class
Terms 3 & 4 2025
Teacher: Miss Eaglen
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Hills
INAs: Ms Chandler

ENGLISH

In English, we will be developing the children's sentence writing and imaginative story telling through 'Drawing Club' sessions inspired by Captain Pugwash, Little Rabbit Foo-Foo, The Great Jam Sandwich and the traditional tale of 'The Little Red Hen'. We will also be reading and writing information books and sentences about Lunar New Year, The Amazon Rainforest and Easter. Oracy remains a whole school priority so this will be promoted through plenty of story telling activities and drama and role play tasks linked to our texts of the week.

GEOGRAPHY & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Our Project is The Amazon Rainforest

We will be finding out what a rainforest is, and what animals live there. We will be making comparisons between our location in Sussex, and the contrasting location of Amazon rainforest.

We will be looking at the world map to locate these destinations, and learning about the 7 continents of the world.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and making comparison to other culture's traditions. We will locate China on the world map and taste some Chinese food.

Our Oracy focus this term will be to talk about a place you have been.

To support this we would love to see a photo from one of your family holidays on Tapestry, so that we can talk about our experiences and locate the destinations on our world Map.

PHONICS

Reception will be learning to recognise 'digraphs' including sh, ch, oo, ee.

Year 1 will be learning the different ways to make the long vowel sounds, including A = ai, ay, a_e.

ART.

In term 3, we will be exploring clay. We will making different shapes with our clay, and using tools to make patterns and textures in the clay.

In term 4, we will be having a go at building bridges using a variety of materials. I wonder how strong we can make them!? We will also be exploring drawing with different media, on small and big scales.

MATHS

In Reception we will continue to work on subitising numbers, beginning to work on numbers up to 10. We will look at practical addition and subtraction, doubles and halves and near-doubles.

In Year 1 we will be looking at place value to 20. We will be splitting teen numbers into tens and ones with the use of objects, pictorial representations and the numberline. We will use the language of equal to, more than, less than, most and least. We will then move onto addition and subtraction within 20.

SCIENCE

In Science this term, we will be learning about the seasonal changes that occur as we move into Winter.

We will also be learning about animals. We will be finding out about animals that live in the rainforest as well as our local area.

The year one children will be learning about sorting animals using different criteria.

Our Learning Journey is:

**Water -
What animals live in the Amazon rainforest?**

P.S.H.E

In PSED we will be learning about setting ourselves goals, and thinking about things we have achieved since starting school.

We will be learning about oral hygiene, including finding out about how different foods can effect the health of our teeth.

P.E.

In PE this term, we will be focussing on gymnastics. We will be exploring different ways of travelling and balancing on different body parts. We will then move onto apparatus and try out a variety of jumping styles.

RE

In term 3, we will be learning about the Christian story of Creation. We will find out about all of the things God made and think about how we can look after them.

In term 4, we will be finding out about the Easter story and the symbols of new life.