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Hedgehogs Class Newsletter – Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a restful summer and enjoyed not having to rush around so much. I have been teaching for over 20 years. I have two children of my own who are starting year 3 and 6 so I understand the life of juggling school demands and work. My best advice is set reminders on your phones for when things need to come into school or events that are happening!

Class rewards

Children will continue to be praised for demonstrating love, compassion and courage and working hard on their learning journey. The children have voted for what they want to work towards, ask them and they will tell you! They will be able to earn House Points and class rewards.

Curriculum

Our project this term is Transport. We will be learning about different types of transport how they have changed over time. We will also be going on our trip to Gaydon Motor Museum. In English we will be using The Naughty Bus to develop our speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

Pantosaurus

Pantosaurus was created by NSPCC and is widely used in schools. The children have learnt about this last year but it is something that we refer to throughout the year to support them with understanding that what is in their pants is private. Here is the link so you can watch it and talk to your children about it too..
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o>

Stick Insects

As many of you will already know we have stick insects in Hedgehogs classroom. Children are able to take these home on a Thursday and bring them back in on a Monday. If you would like your child to be put on the rota for bringing home the stick insects then please email hedgehogs@wroxtonprimary.co.uk or tell me at drop off/pick up. You don't have to do anything to them but are welcome to get them out and let them walk on your hand if you wish. If you are willing to have them over a school holiday could you please let me know that too and if you have a preferred holiday.

Reading

Please, please continue to find time in your day for your child to read. If they are reading Read, Write, Inc books please continue to listen to them read these and use the questions at the back to check their understanding. If they are reading their own choice books, take some time to talk to them about what they have read. What happened?

Aspiring to be our Best Selves with Love, Compassion, Courage



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Who is their favourite character? Why? Why did do....? What do they think will happen next? They will also have a reading for pleasure book, which they have chosen from the library, feel free to read this together and they are welcome to change it whenever they need to.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on a Thursday and due back in on the following Tuesday, please ensure these are returned on time as I organise my time to ensure I have marked them ready to be sent back out. If your child is struggling to access the set homework please do adapt in a way that will enable them to do so.

Absence and sickness

Please let the office know if your child is not attending because they are ill. Also please note that Health Protection Agency guidance states that children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of either sickness or diarrhoea.

PE Kit

Correct school PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed for the following week. There will be no spare kit to borrow so please ensure your child has their kit every week. Also ensure everything is named! If your child has their ears pierced, earrings must be removed for PE.

Snacks

Children may bring in a **healthy snack** for mid-morning break. Suitable choices include fruit, cheese, yogurt and vegetable sticks. Do let us know if your child has any food allergies or intolerances. Year 1 and 2 are entitled to free fruit through a Government funded scheme and this is available to them each day.

Birthday books

To support your child's dental health, we ask that you do not bring in sweet treats on your child's birthday. Instead, if you would like to, you are welcome to donate a book to the class. This could be a picture book, information book, collection of poems or a loved story.

Water Bottles

Please make sure children have a named water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunch box) as this allows them to access water as and when they require it. To improve the oral health of children, only water is permitted in class. If your child brings in a bottle filled with something other than water, we will provide them with a cup so that they can access water during the day.



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Wellies and Waterproofs

Please make sure children have named wellies they can leave in school. They will also need named waterproofs to keep in school as the weather changes so they are able to access all areas of the school grounds.

Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct using the following address: hedgehogs@wroxtonprimary.co.uk

Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school as I may be busy with classroom duties and teaching earlier in the day. In all cases I will endeavour to reply to you within 2 working days, remember I do not work on a Friday but Mrs Jennings will be able to respond. If the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child then you should contact the school office.

I look forward to teaching Hedgehogs this year and being part of the children's learning journey.

Kind Regards,
Gemma Ruffle