

# *Meet the Teacher*



*Year One*  
*Hedgehog Class*

## The Teaching Staff

In Hedgehog Class Miss Lomas is the Class Teacher. We have a range of fabulous supporting teachers including Mrs Campbell, Miss Wellman, Miss Rendall, Miss Kuza and Ms Collins who support learning of groups and individuals. You are welcome to approach us with any questions or concerns.

## Morning Routine

Doors will open at 8.45 and close at 9 prompt. The teaching staff are often available to speak to at this time.

## End of the Day

The school day finishes at 3pm and parents are requested to collect their children from the classroom doors. We like ensure the children reach you safely, so release them as we see you – we will do this as quickly as we can.

## The Curriculum

In Literacy we have an emphasis on phonic based teaching sessions focused around a single sound in the first half of the week, and continue on to more extended writing opportunities on a Thursday and Friday. Within Literacy we will cover a range of Narrative, Non-fiction and Poetry.

In Numeracy the sessions start with mental/oral input where the children practice counting skills and recall and use number facts that they have learned, building speed and accuracy, followed by work on Number and place value, Securing number facts and calculating, Money, measure and shape.

Other subjects are taught through our Creative Curriculum topic work, and also include many opportunities for developing Literacy and Numeracy skills. Our Topics for this term are:

- Autumn 1 – Ourselves
- Spring 1 – Authors and Illustrators
- Summer 1 – Parks and Gardens
- Autumn 2 – What is special in my town
- Spring 2 – Looking after our world
- Summer 2 – Kings and Queens

## Homework

The children are expected to read daily with an adult and we ask that you record the reading you do with your child in their reading record. We also have weekly spellings or 'word of the week' sent home in their homework books to learn for a 'quiz' on Monday.

Weekly homework is linked to our topic and reinforces what we have been doing or are about to do in class. It is largely based on your child's personal experience and supports their discussion and contributions to classwork. Books will be given out on a Wednesday or Thursday and to be returned please on the following Monday.

## Reading

Reading skills are taught through our Literacy teaching. The children also take part in smaller Guided Reading sessions throughout the week. The children read with a teacher at some point in the week and books are usually changed on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Please ensure book bags and reading records are in school every day. Don't forget you can also access Bug Club books at home! See your child's homework book for log in information.

## Spellings

The children will be bringing home spellings or a 'word of the week' in their homework books. Initially we will focus on the frequently used 'Tricky Words' that are taught alongside their phonic work. Look out for parent workshops held later in the year!

## PE

Our PE days in Year One are currently **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure PE kits are in school and earrings are removed on these days. This will change when our gymnastics coaching begins.

## Behaviour and Rewards

Hedgehogs class is a kind and friendly class. We have discussed how we will keep ourselves safe and happy in school by behaving well. We have high expectations for the behaviour that this accepted within our classroom.

The children collect stickers for good work and behaviour these are put on to a bookmark. When the bookmark is full the children collect a special certificate in assembly. For every 10 reads at home (with

signature & comment in the record) they earn a Rainbow certificate. When they complete the Rainbow they become one of our Reading Ambassadors.

Friday is celebration assembly where those children who have a special certificate or had a brilliant week will have the chance to celebrate their work, effort or behaviour with the school and parents.

### Open Classroom **Tuesdays 3.00 – 3.30**

We welcome parents and careers into our classroom after school on a Tuesday to take a look at the work that your child is doing in class and speak with the teacher - no appointment necessary!

### Medicine

If your child has been unwell and requires medication, this must be discussed with a staff member as a form will need to be filled out so that prescribed medication can be administered. If your child has an inhaler, it will be stored in the classroom where it will be easily accessible if required. **Remember** if your child has been sick then they must be kept at home for **48 hours**.

### Water Bottles

Children may bring a water bottle into class for water during the day. They also have access to our drinking water fountain.

### Home School Communication

Communication is important to the progress and happiness of your child. Please feel that you can approach us over any issues you have or may be affecting your child at home or school. You can do this in any of the following ways:

- Writing in the reading records
- Leaving a note or letter in book bags
- Leaving a message with the school office
- Speaking to staff at the beginning or end of the day
- Attending parents evening
- Drop in on an open classroom
- Make an appointment with the teacher

We look forward to the year ahead!