

# Year 2 Hedgehog Class

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and welcome you all to the new school term. This newsletter should provide you with all the important information to help you support your child as they enter Year 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back and am pleased to say that everyone is beginning to settle well into the new routines.

### **Spelling**

Spellings will be assessed on Thursday each week. We will no longer send home spelling books. Spellings will be recorded in the back of their English books and we will share their scores at the end of each half term.

### **Reading**

This year we have made some amendments to the way the children's home reading books are organised. The children will be given three reading books each week. They have been given a reading dog book mark to aid questioning once they have read their book to help adults check their understanding. The children will choose a picture book each week so parents can read to them to help develop a love for reading! Additionally, children will be given a reading comprehension task to complete each week.

Reading books and the reading comprehension task will be collected and exchanged on a **Thursday**.

### **Home Learning**

In addition, please encourage your child to practise counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. By the end of the year the curriculum expects the children to recall their **2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables** fluently.

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle to keep in the classroom in addition to their lunchtime drink.

### **P.E.**

P.E. is scheduled for **Tuesday** and **Thursday** each week. Children are expected to wear full P.E. kit to school on those days in order to participate. We recommend that they have jogging bottoms to wear outside in cold weather.

### **Uniform and P.E. Kit**

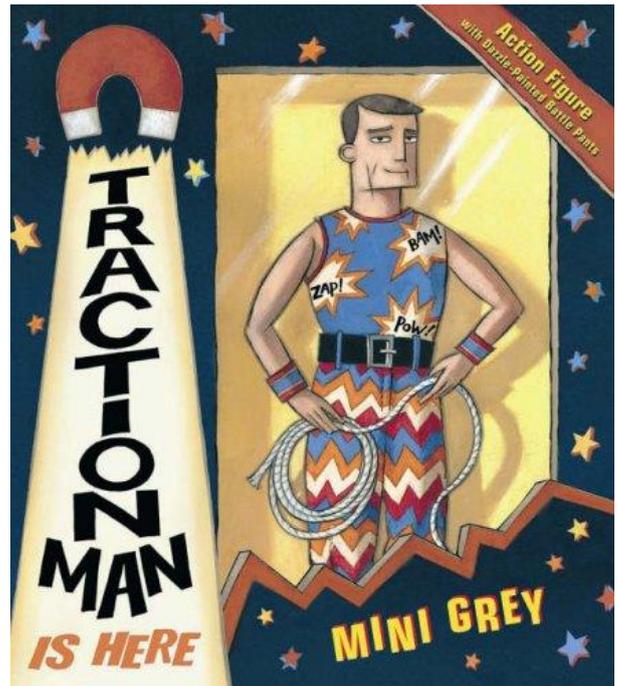
Please ensure you name your child's jumpers and kit.

## **Autumn Term Learning**

Our topic themes for this term are:

### **Which material would you choose?**

- Key text: Traction Man
- Literacy: writing sentences and understanding the different word classes (noun, adjective, verb and adverb).
- Math: place value with some addition and subtraction.
- Science: materials
- Art: sketching and Picasso paintings
- Geography: United Kingdom locational knowledge
- R.E. Why is the Bible important to Christians?
- Music: Hands, Feet, Heart song and using the glockenspiels.



### **Where in the world?**

- Key text: Zeraffa Giraffa
- Literacy: writing to persuade.
- Math: addition, subtraction and using inverse operations
- Science: animals and humans
- Art: painting and using patterns
- History: The Gunpowder Plot
- R.E.: Why did the angels announce the birth of Jesus?
- Music: Singing

Children will also continue to have a 30-minute Spanish lesson each week, taught by a specialist language teacher.

**We hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. You are always welcome to contact us to discuss any concerns that you may have. Thank you for your continued support.**

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