



# Hedgehogs and Owls Reception Class

## Spring 1 Overview - Miss Smith and Mrs Davies



### Phonics



We continue with our daily phonics group sessions. These are very carefully tailored to match the needs and abilities of each child. We continue our work on blending to read simple words, including 'Fred in our head'. We will practise common exception words. We will develop our spelling skills using our 'Fred Fingers'. Children will read simple story books matched to their phonic knowledge.

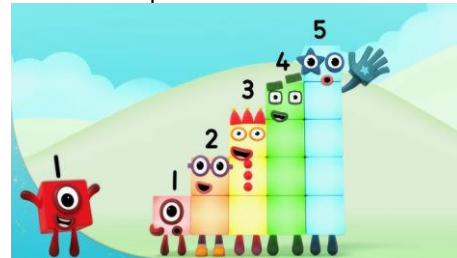
Children have additional opportunities to develop their reading skills throughout the day.

**Please practise with your child at home every day and return their reading book, blending book or blending sheet to school each day.**



### Maths

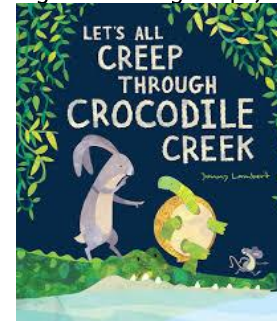
Maths is taught every day in a variety of fun ways. The children will take part in a daily maths sessions and opportunities for mathematical development are built into many aspects of the day and around our continuous provision.



As part of our maths mastery program (NCETM) this term we will develop our counting skills, building on our ordinality and cardinality understanding (looking particularly at the 'staircase pattern'). We will look at the composition of 5, 6 and 7 as well as how to use the language of comparison. In our White Rose Maths units we will be learning about mass, capacity, length and height!

### Pathways to Write

This half term our Pathways to Write book is 'Let's All Creep through Crocodile Creek'. (Journeys – Retelling with Story Maps).



We will take part in lots of exciting and engaging lessons. The children will be practising their letter formation, spelling words by identifying the sounds in them, writing short sentences and re-reading what they have written to check it makes sense! The outcome at the end of the unit is for children to create a story map of the journey and write labels/ captions/ sentences to describe the crocodile.

### Curriculum

**Art 'Painting and Mixed Media – Paint my world!'** The children will paint to music, create their own natural paintbrushes, create collage and transient art, as well as looking at the work of artist Megan Coyle.

**PSHE 'Managing Self – Taking on Challenges!'** In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning about rules and why we have them, we will learn simple grounding techniques and we will develop our ability to persevere!

**Geography 'Outdoor Adventures'.** As part of this unit we will go on a nature catch, we will create observational paintings of our environment and we will explore changes in weather.

**Science** We will learn about Winter and the changes this season brings, and we will look at suitable clothing for this time of year.

**RE** Our units this half term are 'Stories Jesus Heard' looking at Old Testament stories such as 'Noah' Ark' and 'Daniel in the Lion's Den' and 'Stories Jesus Told', including some parables.

### School Uniform

The children must come to school each day in their full school uniform and black school shoes.

Please make sure all items of clothing are named.

Earrings must be studs only.

### Forest School

Forest School will take place on a Tuesday (Owls class) and Thursday (Hedgehogs class). Only those children sent a letter will take part in forest school this half term. If your child did not receive a letter, they will take part in Forest School in **Spring 2**.

### Outdoor Provision

Outdoor provision will always be available for the children. There will be a wide selection of activities available such as bikes, sand, water, large construction and a cosy outdoor reading area. Please ensure your child has a warm coat for school.

### P.E

**P.E. days are Wednesdays.**

Please send your child to school on their PE DAY with their PE kit in a bag.

PE kit - white t-shirt, black/navy shorts or legging and PE pumps. No earrings please.