

Hedgehogs Learning Update

Week Ending 21.06.2024

The children have been so resilient, confident and positive about their assessments this week, and we are really proud of their efforts and progress. On top of that, they've had sports day, continued learning about shapes and lines of symmetry, and started their new geography topic of tourism.

Thank you,
Miss Haycox & Miss Badger

Writing

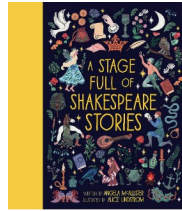
This term, our text is *A Stage full of Shakespeare: Julius Caesar* by Angela McAllister.

Suggested Writing Activity:

Due to assessments, this week we've only had one writing lesson, which focussed on using conjunctions. To keep it fresh in the children's minds ready for next week, they have a short worksheet where they need to complete the sentences using a different conjunction.

They can only use each conjunction once.

Challenge: Can you write your own sentences which include each of the conjunctions?



Conjunctions Missing Word Sentences

Can you complete the sentences with the correct conjunction? Remember to use a capital letter if the conjunction is at the beginning of the word.

before	when	since	so	once	while	if
1. I was very excited _____ they had not my name for the prize.						
2. _____ you go to school, you should have some breakfast.						
3. It's raining today _____ you should definitely take your coat.						
4. _____ you've arrived early, you can help set up the lesson.						
5. _____ you have finished your picture, put your pencils away.						
6. You can't likely to do well _____ you work hard in your lessons.						
7. I like to listen to music _____ I paint pictures.						

Reading

On Showbie, there are two short comprehension sheets for children to have a go at.

The Courageous Canine

9 Noomi's red eyes felt like sandpaper. She wasn't sure
22 that she could make it all the way to the top on legs
32 that were as heavy as weights. Russell barked in
39 encouragement as she sagged against the cliff face.
46 Finally, Noomi whispered, "I'm not sure that I can
58 make it, Russ. You'll have to go without me." Using
70 his nose, he helped to push Noomi up so that she was
81 standing. She swung like a pendulum in the wind. With a
93 groan, she forced one leg in front of the other. Her nose
102 felt when Russell's gentle nudges moved her forward.
112 She stuck her chin out. They were so close now.



Questions

1. Find and copy the word which is closest in meaning to 'slumped'.
2. What type of animal is Russell? Tick one.
 - dog
 - cat
 - cow
3. Where are Noomi and Russell?
4. Which is similar do you think is most effective? Explain your reasoning.

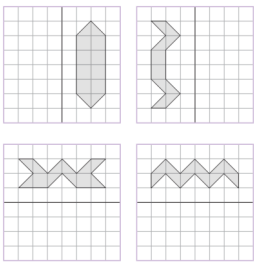
Spotting a Tsunami

7 Before a tsunami strikes, scientists can spot warning signs that may help to save lives.
24 Tsunamis can cause the ground near the coast to shake for more than 20 seconds at a time. They may cause the ocean to pull backwards, leaving
32 low sand where the sea used to be. An earthquake can also be a warning of a tsunami. They may also
43 be loud, booming noises. It is not just humans that notice these warning signs. Animals can be seen behaving strangely or hesitating to leave the area.
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98 If any of these signs are spotted, you must immediately move away from coastal areas. Make your way to higher ground as quickly as you can.
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Questions

1. Find and copy one way that the author tells the reader to act if they spot a tsunami.
2. Which warning signs of a tsunami are given in the text? Tick two.
 - The ocean rises up the beach.
 - There are loud, booming noises.
 - There is a shake.
 - Animals behave strangely.
3. What do you think scientists might do if they spot warning signs of a tsunami?
4. Who do you think this information is for? Explain your answer.

Maths



In maths, we have been learning about lines of symmetry. We will continue this next week, but I wanted to set a worksheet so they can continue to practise this. I've also included another sheet for the children to practise drawing shapes symmetrically/drawing reflections. This is something we will do more of next week.

Lines of symmetry

1. Which shapes have at least one line of symmetry?

2. Which shapes have a correct line of symmetry?

3. How did you know which pattern were correct?

4. Find one line of symmetry on each shape.

5. Are there more than one possible answer for each shape?

6. Sort the shapes into the table. You have now been able to give:

Shape	1 line of symmetry	More than 1 line of symmetry	No lines of symmetry
Quadrilateral			

Spelling

Here are our spellings for the next week's spelling test.

Year 3 and 4 common exception – caught, creature, difficult, hopeful, invention
jealous, nearby, obvious, scent, spicy

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 26th June – ThinkTank trip
Friday 28th June – PTA Summer Fair (children to come dressed in blue/yellow for Ukraine).
Thursday 4th July – Parent drop in till 5pm

Weekly reminders

Mondays – Reading books and library books changed (as needed).
Thursdays – PE (come to school in PE kit).
Fridays – Spelling test.