Hedgehog Class Autumn Term 1 Overview

Physical Development

We will make good use of the outside area to help us develop our overall body strength. We may build dens, create obstacle courses or use the Playdale equipment. This physical activity will help us to develop and engage the muscles needed to sit with good posture at a table or on the floor which will in turn support the development of our fine motor skills. To further encourage the development of fine motor skills we may enjoy using scissors, paintbrushes, threading, small construction and pencils. We will learn about the importance of to keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

Communication and Language

Through our play we will develop our use of language and vocabulary to help us to communicate effectively and further our learning. We will develop our skills by listening to our peers and responding appropriately in our play. We will enjoy listening to rich range of stories. This will help us to become engaged and enthusiastic writers in the future.

Understanding the World

We will get to know each other by talking about members of our family and the community to which we belong. We will explore our natural environment and in particular explore the changes that happen in the season of Autumn. When we are outside we will think hard about what we can see, hear and feel. We will also enjoy a visit from the Hedgehog Rescue Centre to learn about these fascinating creatures.

Expressive Art and Design

We will explore a variety of artistic effects to express our ideas and feelings. We may use paint or pencil to create self portraits. Whilst learning about Harvest, we may look at the work Giuseppe Archimboldo to explore how he used fruit and vegetables in his art work. In our role play we will develop storylines and work collaboratively with our peers. We will have the opportunity to explore non-percussive instruments and we will take part in the Harvest Festival assembly.

Literacy

We will develop a love of reading through sharing stories every day. Some stories that we might share include Incredible Me by Rhys Brisenden and Nathan Reed, Fabulous Fifi by Alce Corrie, Super, Duper You by Sophy Henn, Hair Love by Matthew Cherry and Vashti Harrison, Your Fantastic and Elastic Brain by JoAnn Deak and Sarah Ackerley.

In phonics we will begin to learn some letter sounds and how to write them. We will bring books home to share with our families.

Super Me, Super You! Autumn

Religious Education

We will learn why Harvest is a significant festival to Christians and why bread is a symbol of Harvest. We may enjoy making some of our own bread and we will take part in the whole school Harvest Festival assembly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will spend lots of time getting to know each other and settling into school life. The children will enjoy playing alongside their new classmates and will be encouraged and supported in their play. We will build constructive and respectful relationships with each other so that everyone in the class feels valued and able to shine.

What can you do to help your child on their way?
Snuggle up and read with and to your child as often as possible. Sharing and reading books at home has a hugely positive impact on your child's education.
Talk to your child about the seasons. What colours do we see in Autumn? What is happening to the trees? Go on a walk to collect conkers or pine cones.
Play games that involve taking turns. Dominoes, Snakes and Ladders and Lotto are all good examples of games that support early number and language development.

Mathematics

We will begin the term by playing lots of games that encourage and develop counting skills. Through play we will encourage the children to count objects carefully and accurately and arrange objects into lines or a 5 frame so they have a clear start and end point to their counting. We will then move on to sorting objects into sets. We may go on an Autumn walk to collect natural items for us to sort in different ways.