

Hedgehog News

I hope you have all had a great Christmas. Welcome to 2023! We looking forward to starting this new year.

This half term we will be learning all about Bristol and Rome, their land uses and the effect on their land growth. During this area of learning, we will also be learning about forces and magnets in our science as well as primary, secondary and tertiary colours in Art. We will also be working on creating digital music linking in with our composer analysis work around Holst (the composer). If you would like to know more about our curriculum, please see our Topic Web as well as other information on our class web page.

Key Information:

- PE kits worn to school on PE days. We will be going back to our 2 PE sessions this half term. These will be on a Monday and Thursday.
- Most reminders and updates will be sent via Dojo. Please ensure you have access to this.
- Please make sure all children are wearing a coat everyday to school as it is very cold and they will still go outside for break and lunch times.

Reading Days:

Monday = Red TeamWednesday = Green TeamTuesday = Yellow TeamThursday = Blue teamFriday - Anyone who has forgotten

<u>Key Dates:</u>

- 4th Jan return to school
- 13th Jan Open the book
- 18th Jan Gordan Rae
- 20th Jan FOLS meeting
- 24th Jan Forest School
- 14th Feb Rags to Riches
 17th Feb Break up for half

term

Daily Reading Reminder:

Our daily reading has improved a lot in Hedgehog class over the last term and as a result the children are really enjoying their reading and are being able to access more of the curriculum confidently.

Just a reminder for the daily reading and how it works:

To help them with this we are asking for the children to read 4 out of the 5 days a week. We understand the children are very busy but fitting in 10 minutes of reading a day will allow them to make fantastic progress and hopefully fall in love with reading. Once they have read, please record this in their new homework diary books. A picture below shows how their new diaries can be used. Each morning, when the children come into school, we will be looking in their diaries to see if they have read. If the children have not been able to read 4 out of the 5 times in the week, they can have some catch up reading time during Friday Breaktime. We believe this will support and improve their reading as they move through the year and then the school.

SATs Practice Y2:

This half term we will be starting to look at example SATs questions and papers with the Y2 children so they become familiar with this. We will also be completing a practice SATs paper as a guide for our teaching and to support the children as they continue towards the end of KS1. We will be holding a parent's information evening soon around SATs so we can explain how they work.

<u>PE:</u>

This half term our Monday PE focus will be gymnastics. Indoor PE kit will be fine for this however, children may wish to wear their warmer PE kits (e.g. joggers) over the top to keep them warm throughout the day especially at lunchtimes.



I look forward to another half term together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via Dojo and I'll be happy to help. Miss Cooper