

Hedgehog Class

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We will now be starting a new theme for the first part of this spring term. Our theme is 'I wonder what happens when I fall asleep?'

Throughout this theme the children will learn about dreams, night-time, and space.

We will do lots of exciting hands-on learning and follow the children's interests. This will ensure that learning is irresistible and fun!

Literacy:

We will continue to learn phase 3 phonics. We will support the children to learn to read independently and build on their understanding of texts. The children will also learn about writing captions and simple sentences. We will enjoy texts such as; 'Whatever Next!' and 'How to catch a star!'

Maths:

We will learn about the value and order of numbers to 20 using resources such as Numicon. The children will then move on to learning about addition and subtraction. We will also develop our knowledge about weight and capacity.

Reminders:

PE will be every Wednesday afternoon.
Please come dressed for PE.
Please bring reading books each day.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will learn about how to set a goal for ourselves. We will also learn about our bodies- see overleaf.



Language and communication:

We will be learning about how to ask and answer questions.

Physical Development:

Being Healthy- why sleep is important.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be creating; dream bottles/catchers, building a solar system and making rockets.

You can help your child by...

- Talking to them about what they are learning and sharing similar texts at home.
- Reinforcing the sounds they are learning at school.
- Reading daily.
- Practising the 'green' and 'red' words.
- Giving them opportunities to apply maths in 'real-life' situations such as spending money at a shop.

Understanding the World:

The children will be learning more about nocturnal animals. They will spend time learning about how the world changes at night and why this happens. We will also learn about our solar system and the different planets within it.

Special Dates:

- 15th Jan- Pyjama Day- children can come in dressed in pyjamas or comfy clothes to celebrate the start of our new theme.
- Friday 2nd Feb- Number Day- Details to follow
- Tuesday 6th Feb- Internet safety day
- Friday 16th Feb- Alien Tea Party.
- Monday 19th- Friday 17th February Half Term

Other Information

Secret Reader:

Every Thursday starting 11th January we will be inviting one parent or family member to come into class to share a picture book of your choice with the children in Hedgehog Class. For this you would need to bring a copy of the book you have chosen ready to read to the class at 2.50pm

We will put a sign-up sheet up outside the classroom on Monday 8th January. Choose the date you would like to do, write your name on the slip and place it in the envelope. This is supposed to be a surprise for the children, so don't tell them if it's you!

Special Days:

Week Beginning 8th January:

Mon: Keira

Tue: Leo

Wed: Lewis

Thu: Lincoln

Fri: Luna

Our Bodies:

This half term the children will be learning about bodies. During this unit the children will learn the names of body parts such as penis and vulva. If you have any questions please contact us via the school office at: office@thepinesprimary.co.uk

Pyjama Day:

On Monday the 15th January we will be having a Pyjama day as part of our theme 'I wonder what happens when I fall asleep?'

For this day the children can come into school dressed in Pyjamas or comfortable clothes. We will be doing a fun filled day of dreamy activities.

Stars in the Jar:

This term Hedgehog class will continue to be part of our whole school incentive to read every night at home. This only has to be a small amount, for example, one page not the whole book.

You will need to write a comment in their reading record to show you have read with them and which page they got up to in their reading book.

We will check the books daily and they will receive a star stamp each time they read. For every 3 stars they will get a 'star' in the jar with their name on it. At the end of every half term a name will be selected from the jar and that child will receive a £5 book voucher and a certificate.

The more frequently they read the more likely they are to win!