



# Stickney Church of England Primary School

“LEARN, ENJOY, ACHIEVE”

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## **Hedgehog Class - Termly Letter – Autumn**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I take great pleasure in welcoming the children back to school for a new academic year. I hope this year will bring them back to school refreshed after a fun-filled summer and ready to face new challenges that lie ahead this year. My aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Year R to Year 1. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in their reception year. Learning through experiences will be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on, so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

In Hedgehog Class, we are lucky to have Mrs Whittaker working with us as well as Miss Miles, who will be a Student Teacher within our class this year. Also this year, we have two volunteer readers, who will be coming into school and listening to your child read.

### **English**

During the autumn term, the children will be exploring the story ‘The Storm Whale’ by Benji Davies, and Non-Chronological Report on Pirates. The children will also look and perform the poem ‘Firework Night’.

### **Maths**

In maths, we will continue to follow the Power Maths Scheme of work that is in place across the whole school. During this term, we will be exploring Number and Place Value. In Year 1 we will be focusing on numbers to 10, including number bonds to 10 and adding and subtracting numbers. Following this, the children will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

### **Reading**

The children will continue with the Read, Write, Inc programme to learn their sounds, read words and build their fluency.

### **Science**



During the autumn term, Year 1 will be learning and investigating all about plants. The children will look at how plants are structured as well as being able to identify and name a variety of common plants, trees and wildflowers.

### **Geography**

This term the children will focus on our geography topic 'The World and My School'. In this unit, children will begin learning about space and scale by looking at their classroom location using a planned perspective of the school. Children will then look at the location of their school on their street, including some of the other key human and physical features of the area. Children will explore the location of their town within the United Kingdom and learn about the UK's four countries and capital cities. They will learn about the seasons in the United Kingdom and how they change. Children will then look at where the United Kingdom is in the world, learn the names of the continents and oceans and look at weather and climate across the globe.

### **R.E**

The children will be exploring the religion of Christianity, with a specific focus on God. The children's learning will be centred on the following question: What do Christians believe God is like? Then after half term their learning will be centred on the question Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

### **P.E.**

P.E. will take place on Monday afternoons and Friday Morning. The children will be developing their football skills this term. Please make sure that your child is wearing school PE kit, which also includes tracksuit bottoms and a school jumper/cardigan for the colder weather. Due to health and safety, it is important that children have long hair tied up and remove jewellery before coming to school on PE days.

### **French**

The children are using the Language Angels scheme of work to learn French. The first term the children will be learning how to greet each other and how to begin a conversation in French.

### **Art/D.T.**

In art, the children will be focusing on sculpture using clay.

In D.T., the children will be focusing on mechanisms and textiles during the autumn term. The children will be researching, designing, making and evaluating a moving story book and a puppet.

### **Homework**

Homework will now be set for the term in the form of 'Homework Bingo'. There will be 12 activities set per half term, and you can choose one per week to complete with your child (there is no need to complete all 12). There are also some tasks to do weekly/daily (reading). See separate sheet on Teams.

### **Spellings**

A spelling list will be given for the term. These spellings will be either High Frequency Words, Common Exception Words or words based on a spelling rule. We will be looking at these words in class over the half term.

### **Reading**

Children should be reading at home several times per week. They do each have a record book so if your child reads to you or to a sibling please can you make a note. They will have their own reading book which will be the correct level for them based on either their phonics group or after completing a star reading assessment at the beginning of term. They will also have a pleasure for reading book that they will have chosen themselves and is for you to enjoy to read as a family. RWI Books will be changed on a **Monday** and pleasure for reading books will be changed on a **Friday**. Please ensure reading books are sent in daily as we will be listening to children read and we also have some volunteers coming into school to listen to children read.

If you have any concerns relating to anything in this letter or you have any problems or queries at all then please feel free to approach me at drop off or collection. Or you can email me: [hedgehogs@stickney-newleake.co.uk](mailto:hedgehogs@stickney-newleake.co.uk) If you'd like to speak on the phone you can always email and ask me to give you a call back, or call the office who will pass on any messages.

I really am excited to be teaching Hedgehog class and I look forward to a fantastic year together.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sarah Jones  
(Class Teacher)

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