

Hedgehogs Spring Term 2026

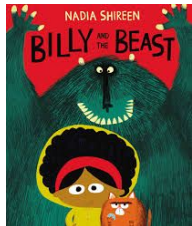
Who do we share our planet with?



Communication & Language

We continue to focus on our oracy skills, encouraging the children to have high quality interactions by sharing and extending ideas and giving their opinions within a group confidently.

Our daily Talk through Stories sessions continue with our current story Billy and the Beast already a hit with the children.



Welcome Back

We have a very busy term ahead including an exciting trip to visit animals from around the world. Please keep up to date with our learning on Tapestry.

We love to see what the children have been up to outside of school so please do share on Tapestry.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will continue our learning with The Zones of Regulation, making links to the emotions of the characters in the stories we read. The children will continue to help take care of our class hedgehog Hilda and grow in confidence through our Helicopter Story acting sessions.

Hilda

Hilda has settled into Team Hedgehog and it's clear to see how much the children adore her.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already taken care of her. She will be coming to a home near you soon!



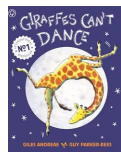
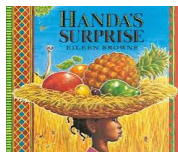
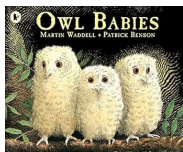
Physical Development

This term we will be learning new parachute games, working on our balancing skills and improving our hand eye coordination. We shall continue to focus upon the correct pencil grip. We use the phrase 'pick it up and push it back' to support the children using the correct pincer grip.



Literacy

We are starting the term learning lots of facts about owls and will move onto the story Owl Babies. In phonics our older Hedgehogs we will learn more phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs and apply our that knowledge to our reading and writing. Our Hoglets will learn new songs and rhymes. We shall also explore initial sounds. Later in the term will learn all about aspects of Africa and meet some new characters who live there.



Understanding the World

As well as learning about owls we will also find out about animal and people living in Africa. We will be looking for signs of Winter and Spring. Our Forest School session continue on Monday afternoons. We will learn about the celebrations of the Lunar New Year, Valentines, Shrove Tuesday and Easter. This term will be focusing on the Christian values of courage and Forgiveness.



Expressive Art & Design

We will learn techniques to join items together when creating in the craft area. Explore the patterns in feather and fur and the colourful fruit of Africa.



Maths

In maths this term our older Hedgehogs are learning about the number 0, exploring numbers to 5 and then to 9 in depth. We will explore mass and capacity, length, height and time. Our Hoglets will be learning about our daily routines and 'what happens next' Learning the language of position, exploring and describing shapes and object and sorting them into simple categories.

