

Hedgehogs Autumn Term 2026

Who am I?
Traditional Tales



Welcome Back

We have lots of wonderful learning ahead of us this term. Which we can't wait to share with you.

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 be helping our children to settle in school life. Learn the names of their friends and form friendships. We will encourage our children to try new activities and take turns.

Communication & Language

This term, as well as learning lots of new vocabulary we will focusing on our speech sounds to support our phonics.

We shall encourage lots of talking through storytelling, using hot seating and drama to support the children's oracy skills.

The children will join in with repeated phrases and retell familiar stories in chronological order.

Physical Development

We will be developing our gross motor skills by navigating around our space safely.

We will be developing our fine motor skills by engaging in lots of finger gym activities.

Our older Hedgehogs will understand the importance of the correct pencil grip to support our writing journey.

Our younger Hedgehogs will be developing coordination by using resources to develop control.

Hilda

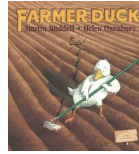
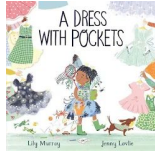
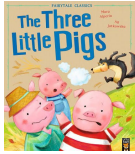
Hilda absolutely loves coming home to visit everyone.

Hilda is looking forward to visiting again this term.



Literacy

In literacy we will start by exploring and learning the story of The Three Little Pigs. Learning to use language from the story in our learning, through drama and hot seating. Our Older Hedgehogs will be focusing on writing their names using the correct pencil grip. We will begin our phase 2 phonics learning letter sounds (phoneme) and their corresponding form (grapheme). Our younger Hedgehogs will explore mark making through a range of tools and begin their phonics journey.

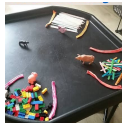


Understanding the World

We will explore seasonal change in Autumn, and talk about the changes we see. We will collect the apples and pears that grow on our field, using these to make some tasty treats. We will focus on our value of thankfulness, learning what that means and looking for examples. We will learn about the tradition of Harvest and share food with the local community. We shall also learn all about Diwali and explore traditional stories to understand how light is used to celebrate special times.

Expressive Art & Design

We will encourage the children to develop their skills in cutting, joining and designing their own creations. The children will then build their own homes and use the resources to create them. We will be learning new songs and take part in the Harvest service down at St. Lawrence Church. At Christmas time we shall all take part in the school nativity.



Maths

This term will focus on strong foundation in early number sense and spatial awareness. Children begin by learning to match, sort, and compare groups of objects before exploring key concepts like "more" and "fewer." Our older Hedgehogs will dive into deep counting and subitising—recognising small quantities on sight without needing to count them one by one—using numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Our younger Hedgehogs will notice similarities and differences through matching, sorting, and comparing real objects in their environment. As their awareness grows, children are introduced to the concepts of size, weight, and simple repeating patterns, alongside early counting and subitising.

