HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER



Pumpkin Adventures in Hedgehogs!

It has been a lovely start to our new half term in Hedgehogs, and we have been having lots of fun exploring pumpkins!

We have been enjoying the story 'Christopher Pumpkin', a lovely tale about a pumpkin who isn't scary at all! However, Christopher does manage to frighten all the monsters away!



Inspired by our story, we have been busy investigating pumpkins in lots of different ways. We explored what was hiding inside them, discovering the seeds and stringy insides.

We enjoyed rolling pumpkins down the slope, hammering golf tees into them and exploring them in the water tray.

We also explored emotions using pumpkin faces! We looked at different pumpkin pictures and talked about how each one might be feeling by noticing their facial expressions. The children then got creative and drew their own pumpkin faces, showing a variety of different emotions.

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There were lots of opportunities for sensory exploration, developing our curiosity and using our hands to investigate and experiment. We also had a fun experiment with our pumpkins, adding bicarbonate of soda, white vinegar and food colouring to create exciting, fizzy potions!







In Forest School, we continued our exploration of the autumn season by taking a closer look at the beautiful leaves around us. We got creative by using cotton wool attached to pegs, dipping them into paint and making our very own leaf prints.

We also went on an exciting hunt to find some animals hiding in the Forest! Each animal had an action for us to try, including hopping, star jumps and bunny hops. There was lots of fun, movement and laughter as we discovered the animals and had a go at their different actions!



In Mighty Muscles, we had lots of fun using colourful scarves to create our own firework dances to Katy Perry's Firework!

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Maths Champions

Maths at Home: More, less & the same

This week in Nursery Maths, we have been exploring the concepts of more, less and the same. We have been comparing groups of objects, looking carefully at quantities and beginning to notice which groups have more, which have less and when two groups have the same amount.

Maths at Home!

You can help your child practise these skills through everyday play and activities at home. Here are a few simple ideas to try:

- Snack Time: Compare pieces of fruit or biscuits. Who has more? Who has less? Can you make sure everyone has the same?
- Toy Collections: Gather some favourite toys or cars. Make two groups and talk about which has more or less.
- Mealtime Fun: Compare the number of peas, potato pieces or carrot sticks on everyone's plate.
- Sock Sorting: Put out two groups of socks. Can your child spot which group has more, less or the same?
- Outdoor Counting: Collect leaves, sticks or conkers and compare two little piles.

Remember, maths is everywhere! Talking about more, less and the same during everyday activities is a great way to build your child's early mathematical understanding.

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🎶 World Nursery Rhyme Week 🎶

Next week, Hedgehogs Class will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week!

Launched in 2013, this initiative celebrates the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development, particularly in supporting children's early language, communication and literacy skills.

We have lots of exciting activities planned throughout the week, giving the children opportunities to sing, play, move and learn through their favourite nursery rhymes.

Singing nursery rhymes is also a wonderful activity to enjoy together at home. You can access free resources by registering at www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled week of singing, rhyming and making memories together! 🎵

It's been another lovely week in Hedgehogs! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next week for more fun, learning and adventures! 🦔💕

Warm wishes,

CHARLOTTE AND THE TEAM 🦔🍁

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- School Photographer – Individual photos Thursday 19 November 2026
- MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop Tuesday 1 December 2026 9 – 10.30am
- Wreath Making Workshop Friday 11 December 2026
- Nursery Christmas sing-a-long Tuesday 15 December 2026 (more details to follow)

- INSET DAY Friday 12 February 2027
- INSET DAY Friday 25 June 2027
- INSET DAY Monday 28 June 2027





