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HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November

What a lovely week we have had in Hedgehogs class! This week, we have been busy exploring the exciting topic of Light and Dark and discovering all the wonderful things that happen during the day and at night.

We began by chatting about the different activities we do during the daytime and at night-time. The children had lots of ideas to share and enjoyed thinking about how our world changes when the sun goes down.

✨ Let There Be Shadows!

On Tuesday, we got creative and made our very own puppets ready for a shadow puppet show! The children were so excited to see their puppet shapes appear on the blanket as we shone the light behind them. There were lots of smiles and plenty of excitement as we watched our shadows come to life!





Nocturnal Nature Detectives!

We then learnt about animals that come out at night, discovering that they are called nocturnal animals.

During our Welly Walk, we went on a hunt around the school grounds to find some hiding. We brought them back to the classroom, where we became wildlife rangers and used our medicine kits to help make our animals better!

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🦡 Wake Up, Sleepy Badger!

During Mighty Muscles, we played a game called 'Sleepy Badger'. We had to wait quietly for the badger to wake up and then watch carefully so we could copy their actions. We then got busy pretending to be nocturnal animals moving around in the darkness. There was lots of wonderful imagination, movement and fun!





Forest School 🌳🦔

At Forest School this week, we enjoyed reading a lovely story about Ned the hedgehog, who was searching for somewhere warm and cosy to sleep for the winter. This inspired us to make our own homes for the woodland animals, thinking about how we could keep them safe and warm. We even discovered a den that was big enough for us to climb inside! 🍂💕

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Maths Champions

🦔 Exploring Repeats

This week in Maths, we explored repeating patterns through stories, songs and rhymes. We listened carefully for words that were repeated and began to join in, predicting what might come next. We also enjoyed clapping along to songs and exploring simple rhythms. During our play, we had lots of fun creating our own patterns using objects and building roads and towers with blocks, exploring how we could arrange them in different ways.

Maths at Home

Why not have a go at some simple patterns at home this week?

You could:

- Sing favourite nursery rhymes and songs together, encouraging your child to join in with repeated words and actions.
- Clap, tap or stamp along to songs, exploring different rhythms.
- Make simple patterns using toys, building blocks, coloured socks or pieces of fruit (e.g. red, blue, red, blue).
- Build roads and towers using blocks, talking about how you are arranging them.
- Go on a pattern hunt around your home. Can you spot any repeating patterns on clothes, wrapping paper or carpets?

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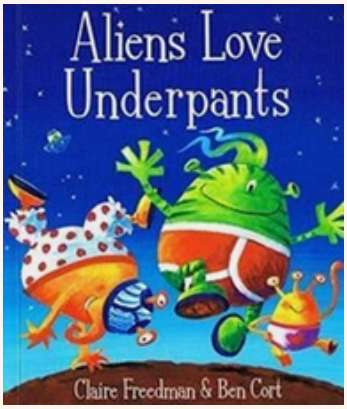
What We Are Learning Next Week 🚀



Next week, we will be blasting off into outer space! Our story of the week will be the very funny 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We will be exploring the wonders of space, learning about aliens, planets and stars, and using our imaginations to think about what we might find in the universe. We will enjoy sharing the story together, joining in with the repeated phrases and talking about our favourite parts. We will also have lots of exciting opportunities for space-themed creative activities, play and exploration. We can't wait for an out-of-this-world week!

In **maths**, we will be practising saying number names in the correct order through fun counting games, songs and rhymes. We will be incorporating counting into our everyday routines and play, encouraging the children to join in and become more confident with their numbers. We will also be exploring counting forwards and backwards, using our fingers to show different numbers and helping the children to recognise that we can use our fingers to represent amounts.

Our **rhyme of the week** will be **'Hey Diddle Diddle'**, and our **sound of the week** will be **P**. At this stage, phonics is all about building the foundations for future learning. We won't be focusing on recognising letters just yet; instead, we will be developing our listening skills, learning to recognise different sounds and hearing rhyming words. Through songs, rhymes and playful activities, we will encourage the children to tune into the sounds they hear all around them.

Nursery Rhymes Videos
Nursery Rhyme Downloads

We have had such a fantastic week full of curiosity, creativity and exciting adventures. We are so proud of how enthusiastic the children have been and how much fun they have had learning together.
Well done, Hedgehogs! We can't wait to see what adventures next week brings! 🦔💕

CHARLOTTE AND THE TEAM 🦔🍁

Starting School in September 2027?

Will your child be 4 before 1st September 2027? It's time to start thinking about their next big adventure! You can now apply for a school place for September 2027 via the Hampshire School Admissions website.

If you would like to book a tour and find out more about what our school has to offer, please get in touch with the office by email (admin@oliversb.com), phone (01962 869496) or pop in. We would love to show you around!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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 2.45-3.15
- INSET DAY Friday 12 February 2027
- INSET DAY Friday 25 June 2027
- INSET DAY Monday 28 June 2027





