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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and we hope you enjoyed the break with your children. It was lovely to meet many of you at our parents evening at the end of term one!

We had a fantastic start during our first term this year and really got to know the children well: they began to explore our timetable and enjoyed learning lots of new things.

Just a reminder that as Miss Wheeler has returned from maternity leave that Hedgehog Class' teachers this year are: Miss Wheeler (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Richardson (Thursday and Friday). If you ever need to chat to any of us with any questions or concerns you may have, we will be out on the gates at the end of each school day; alternatively, please do drop an email to the office and we will find a suitable time to meet.

Please find below, some further information about this term:

Reading

The children will continue to read regularly with an adult, either as part of a small group or on a 1:1 basis, and should bring their book bags to school every day. Reading books will be changed and sent home each week - on your child's book change day (this will be shown on the front of their Reading Record). To support us in this process, please comment in your child's Reading Record to confirm books have been completed successfully (or whether you feel your child would benefit from keeping his/her book/s for another week).

This term we will be sending home a recommended read each week with your child. This book is to share with them (they are not expected to read them).

"Love each other as I have loved you" John 15:12



Phonics

Phonics continues to be of huge importance to help the children grow as both readers and writers. We will be starting to learn our new sounds this term as we begin our next phase; phase 5. We will be sending the children home with flash cards of these new sounds as we learn them so please practise reading these and applying them to your child's spelling.

Writing

We will continue to use The Write Stuff this term and begin to look at poetry. Write stuff uses lenses which focus on 'FANTASTICS, GRAMMERISTICS and BOOMTASTICS' (below) to support our collaborative and independent writing.

The FANTASTICS:

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Feelings	Asking (dialogue)	Noticing	Touching	Action	Smelling	Tasting	Imagining	Checking (hearing)

The GRAMMERISTICS:

								
Adverbials	Basics	Complex sentences	Dialogue/contracted forms	Purpose	Paragraphs	Passive/active voice	Tenses	Punctuation

The BOOMTASTICS:

								
Onomatopoeia	Alliteration	Rhyme	Repetition	Similes	Metaphor	Pathetic fallacy	Pun	Personification

Our writing this term will be focusing on poetry. We will use the poem Firework Night by Andrew Collet and use this to help us write our own poems. We will also continue to develop your child's writing skills through regular independent writing opportunities to allow your child to confidently use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and begin to use the conjunction 'and'.

Maths

As mathematicians, the children will continue to secure their understanding of addition and subtraction to 10. We will then be progressing onto learning about shape, where the children will be learning the names of the different 2D and 3D shapes, sorting them and creating repeating patterns using shape.

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Wider Curriculum

Please find our attached topic web which outlines our wider curriculum learning for your information.

General Reminders:

- Please note that children do not need to bring pencil cases, stationery or bags (other than book bags) into school.
- Children should bring their own fruit for morning snack and a water bottle; the children will have an afternoon snack which is provided by the school. **This fruit should be fresh fruit or vegetables as we are seeing an increase in packaged fruit snacks.**
- Please ensure that all property in school is labelled clearly with your child's name, particularly jumpers, water bottles, wellies and fruit pots.
- Please remember that PE kits should be worn on PE days: ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are able to be removed or covered.

Yours sincerely,

Jade Wheeler and Claire Richardson.
Hedgehog Class Teachers.

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