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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Hedgehog Class! We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are feeling excited about the new school year ahead. It is a real pleasure to welcome your children into our Year 1 class. We are looking forward to getting to know each child and supporting them as they settle into their new routines and continue to develop their confidence and independence. We hope this letter provides you with some useful information about routines and activities in Hedgehog Class.

Children in Hedgehog class will be taught by the following team:

Monday & Tuesday	Mrs Connolly
Wednesday	Mrs Dunham (morning) Mrs Bowen for Computing and a coach from Premier Sport for PE (afternoon)
Thursday	Mrs Dunham
Friday	Mrs Dunham (morning) Mrs Oakman (afternoon)

Reading Books

We cannot stress enough how important it is to read with your child regularly. Year 1 is a key year for developing reading skills, and your support at home really makes a difference. Please do read with your child as much as you can. You can write short comments in your child's blue Reading Record when you have read with them, even if it is just to let us know they have finished their current book - that would be really useful! We will change books that have been read on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All children will hopefully have been given a reading book by the end of the week, based on the assessed levels we have received. Please do not worry if you feel the book seems too 'easy' for your child as we will be reassessing all the children's phonics knowledge over the coming weeks, and based on this, we will adjust their book levels accordingly.

Date for Your Diary

Thursday 8th October at 9:00am - we will be holding a Phonics Information Meeting for parents and carers of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about our Twinkl Phonics scheme, how we teach phonics in school, and how you can support your child's phonics learning at home.

Forest School

We are pleased to let you know that we are aiming to hold a Forest School session every other Tuesday afternoon, starting on Tuesday 15th September. More details to follow.

PE Kits

The children will have PE on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please can named PE kits be left on your child's peg in a named bag. We will send PE kits home at each half term, to be washed. At this time of year some PE lessons will be outdoors so trainers, long trousers and sweatshirts should be included. For the next few weeks, we will aim to swim on a Friday morning for our PE lesson. Please can long hair be tied back and earrings removed on PE and swimming days.

Snack, Milk & Lunch

The children in Hedgehog Class will continue to receive a fruit or vegetable snack mid-morning each day. If you would like your child to have a drink of milk too, please visit www.coolmilk.com to register and pay for this. Children will choose their lunch in the morning and this will be recorded by the class teacher during morning register. If you are sending in a packed lunch, do take a look at the NHS advice which has lots of healthy lunch ideas: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>. Please do not provide any food that contains nuts.

Wellies & Outdoor Play

It would be great if your child could keep a pair of named wellies in school all the time. This will allow them to use the field during break times and be available for any village walks we may take. These wellies can also be used for Forest School. As part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision, we now have lots of exciting and fun activities available for children to enjoy during break times. To enable children to fully participate, we would ideally like all children to have a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers in school, particularly during wet weather.

Water bottles

In class, the children have a named cup which they can use to have a drink of water throughout the day. It is also very useful if they can bring in a named water bottle, especially when the weather is warmer and on Forest School days. Please make sure bottles are filled with water only (no squash or juice) and the bottle is named.

Learning Logs

As well as reading books, the children will be bringing home a Learning Log soon, along with a list of tasks for the Autumn Term. Details will be included with a suggestion of how many tasks to complete and instructions on how to upload your child's work on Seesaw. You do not need to send the Learning Log back into school if you are able to upload work on Seesaw.

Naming Clothes

A final plea to make sure all items of clothing and shoes are named please. We will always do our best to return lost items of clothes to you, but this is only possible if items are clearly named.

We hope you have found this information of use. Please do come and see us if you have any questions or queries about your child's time and experiences in Hedgehog Class. We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning in Year 1.

Kind regards

Mrs Connolly & Mrs Dunham