

## Nursery News Hedgehog Class

### Notice Board:

This newsletter will give you an outline of what we will be doing in nursery next week. There will also be some suggested activities for you to do at home with your child to support their learning.

Please return any books or school spare clothes you have at home. If you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown, we are always happy to accept donations, especially tights, trousers, or socks as we have very few of these.

Thank you 😊

Please check your child's PE kit over half-term to check their plimsolls still fit. Also, please check that all your child's belongings are still named. Thank you

Thank you to all the special grown ups who came along to our 'End of Topic Celebration' on Tuesday.

We hope you all have a lovely half-term! If your child does anything exciting or any extra learning over the holiday, please upload photos onto EvidenceMe.

If you have any questions regarding nursery or have anything you want to let me know, feel free to email me:

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## What we have been up to this week...

We had our End of Topic Celebration on Tuesday for our topic 'Where Does Snow Go?' The children sang 'I'm a Little Snowman' and '5 Little Snowmen' and then recited an extract from the poem 'I Made Myself a Snowball' by Shel Silverstein. Well done Hedgehog class, you were amazing! Thank you to all the special grown ups who came along to celebrate the fantastic work the children have been doing!



The children did a science experiment to see what happens when we freeze water and what happens when we hold ice in our hands. The then freed some penguins who were frozen in ice!



### What we will be doing after half-term...

**Our new topic will be 'Are Eggs Alive?' where the children will learn about life cycles and spring animals. We will be having a very exciting memorable experience this topic – some duck eggs will hatch in our classroom and the children will observe the first two weeks of duckling life!**

**Literacy:** The children will be introduced to the remaining RWI picture cards in preparation for their phonics learning. They will also revisit and recap the picture cards they have learned so far.

**Maths:** The children will be learning about the composition of numbers up to five.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** The children will have access to spring-themed crafts and free craft materials in spring colours (yellow, orange, green).

**Understanding of the World:** The children will be learning about life cycles, particularly those of ducks, butterflies and frogs.

**Physical Development:** Our PE unit for this half-term will be

**Communication and Language:** The children will learn new songs and a new poem for this topic (our main songs will be '5 Little Ducks' and '5 Little Caterpillars')

### Choose a Challenge:

These activities are only suggestions, feel free to do as many or as few as you like (there is no obligation to do any).

**Literacy:** Talk to your child about the initial sounds in words. What is the first sound in their name? What does this sound look like when written in lowercase like we learn in phonics?

**Maths:** Revisit the composition of numbers 1-4 with your child. Play games such as snap to make pairs, tic-tack-toe to make groups of three, and connect four to make groups of four. Can you gather groups of objects of a particular quantity, such as asking your child “can you find me three apples?”

**Physical development:** Encourage your child to engage in fine motor activities, such as tweezing pom-poms, threading small beads, playdough, building with construction materials such as Duplo and Lego. These will help your child to continue to develop the pincer grip needed for a comfortable grip on pencils.