

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fabulous first couple of weeks and we are so proud of how well the children have settled into Hedgehog life! The children have enjoyed exploring both the inside and outside environments which you have seen on Tapestry. We have been so impressed with how they have come into school in the morning with such confidence and a BIG smile ready for the school day.

Over the year we will help them learn new skills through a variety of different topics based on the children's interests.

Our topics over the Autumn term are:

Autumn 1      All about me

Autumn 2      Celebrations

We will also be using the children's ideas to lead and mould the topics so unfortunately we can not as of yet say what other topics we will be doing. We will let you know as and when the children tell us!

We are currently getting to know our new class and using this time to begin to build relationships with the children. We are also assessing where they are against our curriculum as this will ensure we can then build upon their current knowledge and skills.

### **Tapestry Observations**

We wanted to share with you how your child settled during the first couple of mornings in Hedgehog class and therefore made sure you got a sneak peak into school life during this time. We will make observations every day of the children and these will collate into a learning journal. The journal will be sent home at the end of the year and can be viewed by you over the course of the year. We will now be using Tapestry to focus on different children each week and you will receive these observations directly. We will send you more information over the next couple of weeks.

### **Classroom snack box**

A fruit or vegetable snack is provided for every child each day at school. However, if you prefer to supply an alternative snack from home, please ensure it is healthy and clearly labelled (name written on bag or base and lid if it's a pot!). Please can we ask no pack lunch bags/boxes as our snack area is limited and this may cause confusion when the children stay for lunch. Please can we also ask that it is one snack item as it is just intended to be a light snack before the children have their lunch.

### **Clothing**

As the weather is becoming more autumnal please ensure that the children bring a cardigan or jumper to school each day and have suitably warm and waterproof outer clothing, as we like to make the most of the outside area in all weathers! It is really useful for the children have raincoats and welly boots in school every day to ensure they are suitably dressed for an adventure.

### **PE**

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day and that **everything** is clearly labelled. We will let you know which day our PE slot is and when we will be starting. These sessions will initially focus on the children getting changed and then dressed back into their school uniform but we are

confident they will increase in speed as we move through the term. This may be something you wish to practise at home.

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact us on Tapestry if you have any concerns.

Thank you and your support is very much appreciated.

Mrs Hume, Mrs Hall and the EYFS Team