

# High Littleton C. of E. Primary School, High Littleton, Bristol BS39 6HF

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Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to working with you and your child in *Hedgehog Class* this year!

We have already enjoyed a busy and successful few days back at school and the children seem to be settling happily into the routines of the class.

With an emphasis on learning through practical, creative and fun activities, the topic based curriculum gives continuity and progression for all children, whilst giving a strong focus for all the work to be covered. Our topic this term is '**Once Upon A Time**' which provides many fun and interesting things to do and discover, whilst focussing on particular aspects of History. In History, we will be looking at the types of castles, features of castles, the job of a knight and begin to look at some of our Kings and Queens.

In writing, we will have a strong focus on fairy tales and traditional tales. We will begin to retell stories, describe characters and write our very own fairy tales. In Science, we will be learning about materials and what things are made of. Our RE focus this term is Christianity, where we will be looking at the concept of God and Creation.

Please find our class topic web on the website for more details about what we will be getting up to this term in Hedgehog Class!

As always, at the beginning of a new school year there are several organisational things to sort out which help the smooth running of the class and help you as parents to know what is happening in class.

**Reading Books:** Thank you for agreeing to hear your child read at home - it is an essential part of the reading process. It is most beneficial if your child reads at least 3x a week with you but we also realise this is sometimes hard because of family commitments. Please do the best that you can! The book changing arrangements are exactly the same as in Owl Class: your child will have 2 or 3 reading books which will be changed once a week, but need to be in school **every day**. Please refer to the front of your child's reading diary to find out their book change day. Books will only be changed if you have made a comment for the week & signed. A comment from you is really helpful, and supports our home/school learning.



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PE: Please make sure that dap bags with correct **named** kit are in school by the start of next week if they are not already here. It's also helpful if you can pop in an extra pair of pants and socks in their PE bags too in case of accidents. On Thursdays for Term 1 and 2 only Hedgehog Class will be going swimming, so please ensure your child brings their swimming kit with them to school on this day.

Water Bottles: Please continue to send in your child's named & filled water bottle to school every day. Whilst we do have a limited supply of cups for emergency use, you can imagine the possible health hazards they may produce if shared!

Fruit: Please remember to send a piece of fruit or vegetable for your child to have before morning break each day. You would be surprised how a banana, a few grapes or cherry tomatoes with a drink help concentration & energy levels! The children will continue to receive a piece of free fruit/veg at afternoon break

Homework: In addition to their reading, the children have a topic related activity for them to do at home with you. The task this term is to design their own crown! There are lots of lovely and quite simple ideas on the internet which you could use to help. Please could these be brought to school on (& not before) Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October when your child will have their photo taken with their crown and, as a positive speaking and listening activity, can tell the class how it was made. Y2 will have spellings each week; they will be tested on these on a Tuesday. Please do your best to support your child to learn these at home - I will put a list of ways to make them a bit more fun on their spelling sheet.

Finally, if you are concerned in any way about your child, then please do come and have a chat - don't sit at home worrying!

Yours sincerely

Jade Wheeler  
Hedgehog Class Teacher



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