

**Hedgehog Class Newsletter**  
**16<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of our first half-term. The children have settled in very well 😊



**Learning**

We have been pleased with how well the children have approached their learning in all areas this half-term.

Our topic after half-term is 'Toys'.

The children will continue to have regular Phonics, English and Maths sessions as well as cover a range of other areas of the curriculum.

PE and music sessions will continue to be on Wednesdays.

**Important Dates**

Outdoor learning day: Mondays – wear clothing and footwear suitable for outdoors

PE: Wednesdays – please wear PE Kit to school

**Photos: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Last day: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Half-Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Back to school: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Reading and Home Learning**

It is great that so many children are reading and enjoying books regularly at home. This really helps with progress in all areas. Re-reading books is very beneficial for children's learning and should be encouraged. You child should bring home an extra book or two to read during the half-term break. Feel free to share/read other books from home and other places (e.g. relatives, friend's, the library) – we always like to hear about this. It is also beneficial for the children to listen to fluent reading. Please read to your child regularly. When you have read with your child, please write in their reading record.

Your child should bring home a half-term home learning challenge sheet next week. Please sign to say when a task has been attempted/completed. Please use Tapestry to share what your child does during the half-term – we can share this in class too.

The Oxford Owl is a useful website that can support you with home learning. There are lots of online books the children can access too.

**Morning Snack**

We have fruit available everyday for the children to have for a snack in the mornings. We will encourage the children to have this for their morning snack.

Please send your child to school with water in a named water bottle every day.

**Warm Clothes**

The weather is cooling down and we are still ventilating the classroom well with our windows open and are also spending lots of time outside. Please send your child to school with plenty of warm clothing should they need to wear it.

**Birthday Party**

We are going to have a birthday party next Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, for all the children who have had a birthday this half-term. The children are welcome to wear their own clothes; party clothes if they would like to but please bear in mind we will still be playing inside and outside.

We will have a small amount of party food and cake and will play some party games. If you do not want your child to participate in this party, please let us know ASAP. If there is anything you would like to discuss about the party, please email me ([nwallin@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:nwallin@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk)).

**Named Bag**

Please send in a named carrier bag or similar next week so we can tidy the children's drawers and send home some of their art work.

**Items from home**

Please discourage for your child from bringing in any unnecessary toys or other items from home.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please contact us.

Mrs Wallin and Mr Thorne