

Topic

This half term we will be focusing on the local environment and animals, in particular we will be focusing on hedgehogs. We are very excited and lucky enough to have organised a visitor who will share his knowledge as well as bring in hedgehogs for us to see.

English

We will be developing our research skills to gather information about hedgehogs. We will present these for all to read in Grevett Garden. We will be learning about biographies and writing one for Dick King-Smith and a chosen nature expert. The children will be reading the text **The Hodgehog by Dick King-Smith** and using 'Talk for Writing' to help them learn an extract.

RE/SMSC

Our value this month is 'Responsibility'. We will be focusing on friendships and feelings and learning different ways to be a good friend and how to express our feelings appropriately.

We will be focusing on Christianity and the Easter story where the children will think about the different people and how they felt and why.

DT

We will be focusing on animals and how they protect themselves in nature. We will design and build hedgehog homes and bug hotels. Watch this space adults, they might be inviting you to help them build!

How Can you help your child?

- There are many ways you can help support your child:
- Celebrate and enjoy looking at your child's work every Friday from 8.30am
- Help them learn their spellings sent home each week as well as the year 3 words.
- Keep practising times tables using Rock Stars.
- Complete Mathletics homework each week. They need to earn a minimum of 1000 points each week. Using this at home will increase your child's maths fluency.

Maths

We will be improving our problem solving skills using a range of strategies such as bar modelling. Keep practising your **number bonds, times tables** and use **Mathletics** at home!

Science

We will be learning about the different bones and skeletons of humans and animals. We will conduct investigations, such as 'What would happen if humans did not have a skeleton?'. We will compare the bones and skeletons of humans and animals and explore what the inside of a bone looks like. We will make a working muscle too.

Geography

Our Geography work will look at features in our local area. We will make simple maps and identify man-made and natural features. We will go on a walk to the beach as part of our fieldwork studies.

Art

We will be developing our observation drawing skills by drawing items outside using sketch pencils and different media. We will be collecting nature items to create animal collages.

Computing

Can we share? We will use a range of digital recording devices to film and create videos.

We will continue to discuss online safety and how to be a safe internet user.

