

# Hedgehogs Factsheet



Welcome back after the holidays and welcome to the Hedgehogs' class. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and enjoyed spending time with your families! Our focus for this half term is 'Katie Morag' and I look forward to an exciting year ahead with lots of fun things planned!



## English

**As writers we will be . . .** exploring stories based on Katie Morag. Children will read and retell a variety of stories using role play. They will also sequence the events within the stories and aim to write their own story about Katie Morag. Later in this half term children will also explore various sets of instructions. They will orally give instructions, read instructions as well as identify the written key features. Children will aim to write their own set of instructions on how to make a cake for the bakery in the Katie Morag stories.

## Maths

**As Mathematicians we will be . . .**

- Reading and writing numbers in numerals and in words.
- Comparing and ordering numbers.
- Identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations.
- Recognising the place value of each digit in a number
- Solving one step problems with addition & subtraction.
- Adding and subtracting numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally.
- Solving simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction.
- Recognising and using symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p) and combining amounts to make a particular value.
- Solving simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money.

We will continue to apply our learnt skills to problem solving and reasoning activities on a weekly basis. Over the next few weeks children will start to take home their Maths target boxes and Maths record book - your support with these is very much appreciated (details to follow).

## Science

**As Scientists we will be . . .** observing changes across the four seasons. We will observe and describe the weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

## ICT

**As computer scientists we will be . . .** Throughout our Katie Morag topic children will carry out various research using the iPads and laptops. They will also explore the importance of e - safety and how to stay safe on the iPads and laptops. Throughout this half term children will learn

## Topic

The children will be reading Katie Morag stories and exploring the island of Struay, an imaginary Scottish island based around the island of Coll.

**As geographers we will be . . .** identifying physical and human features as well as locating places in Struay on a map. They will also look at transport, building and land uses and compare the island of Struay to Checkley. They will aim to produce their own guide of the island. Children will also name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas.

**As historians we will be . . .** exploring 'What were holidays like in the past?' Children will compare seaside holidays in the recent past with those taken a long time ago. They will develop an understanding of chronology and an ability to ask and answer questions about different sources of information.

## PE

**As sportsmen and sportswomen we will be . . .** exploring hockey. During hockey sessions children will learn how to correctly hold a hockey stick and how to accurately stop, pass, dribble and strike a ball with their stick. Children will need their usual PE kit in school every day and could you please ensure it is clearly labelled. Earrings need to be removed on Tuesdays please.

## Music

**As musicians we will be . . .** discovering ways to use our voices to describe feelings and moods. We will create and notate vocal sounds, building to a performance. We will also move and play to a steady beat and to sound sequences, as well as learn to control changing tempo.

## PSHE

This half term we will be exploring the values of Determination and Courage.

## Homework

The children will take home their reading books, Maths target boxes and records (details to follow soon) every day and are encouraged to read and practise their Maths targets regularly at home. We would ask you to comment in their reading and Maths records when they have read to you or practised their Maths target. They will have weekly spellings to learn which will be checked on Mondays (details to follow soon). Homework will be given out every Thursday and handed in the following Monday. It is the children's responsibility to take their homework and spellings out of their folder and to put them into the appropriate tray in the classroom each week to be marked. The children are able to change their individual reading book every morning as they come into school and Maths targets will be checked on a regularly basis.

## MFL

Children will have a weekly French lesson with Mrs Roche. They will be exploring cartoon stories from France.

## RE

Through sharing a range of stories, some traditional tales, children's fiction and religious stories from different faiths, the children will learn that stories are told for a variety of reasons. They will learn that religious stories can be a way of learning about a faith. Children will go on to learn that some stories teach us about God and how we should behave and live our lives.

If you have any queries please feel free to discuss them with me after school.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Manlove

