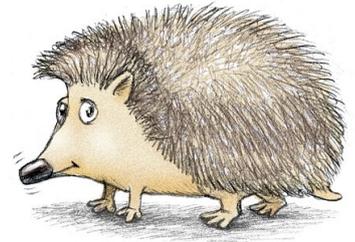


# Hedgehogs Factsheet

## Spring 2



Welcome back after the half term break, I hope you all had a lovely time.

Our topic this half term is 'Shrek'.

### English

**As writers we will be . . .**

exploring the story 'Shrek'. We will look at the structure of a fairy-tale, exploring what happens in the beginning, middle and end of a story. Children will discuss and compare the different characters and also make inferences about the characters thoughts and feelings, using the text to support answers. They will aim to plan and write their own fairy-tale with a happy ending. We will also explore information texts linked to 'Castles'. Children will aim to write their own information text with labelled pictures and diagrams based upon this topic. Children will also pose questions; investigate non-fiction texts to gain information and use glossaries and indexes. We are continually trying to improve our handwriting and spellings.

### Maths

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

- Exploring fractions - identifying fractions, investigating fractions with shapes and amounts, ordering fractions and finding equivalent fractions.
- Exploring multiplication and solving multiplication sums using written methods.
- Exploring division and solving division sums using written methods.
- Solving real life problems involving multiplication and division.

We will continue to apply our learnt skills to problem solving and reasoning activities on a weekly basis.

We will also continue to take home our Maths target boxes and Maths record book - your support with these is very much appreciated.

### Science

**As Scientists we will be . . .** exploring and comparing the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. We will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We will also identify and name a variety of plants and animals and describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals.

## ICT

**As computer scientists we will be . . .** continuing to develop our typing skills to produce a piece of writing. We will develop our skills on how to save and edit a piece of work whilst doing this. We will also use the internet to research Castles. We will continually make sure we are using technology safely and respectfully.

## Topic

**As historians we will be . . .** exploring the history of castles, looking at why castles have flags, what the main types of castles are called and the purpose of castles. We will also explore William the Conqueror and identify the main features of a castle. Children will also look at the attacking and defending methods used by people in a castle.

**As designers we will be . . .** designing and making our own castle.

## PE

**As sportsmen and sportswomen we will be . . .** exploring gymnastics. We will be developing various skills including balances, rolls and jumps. Children will aim to put a sequence of these skills together to perform to the rest of the class. 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 Thursdays please.

## Music

**As musicians we will be . . .** identifying different sounds as well as changing and using sounds expressively in response to a stimulus.

## PSHE

This half term we will be exploring the values of Trust and Honesty.

## Homework

The children will take home their reading books, Maths target boxes and records 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 Fridays. 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 regular basis.

## MFL

Children will have a weekly French lesson with Mrs Roche. They will continue to work on Fairy tales in French.

## RE

In RE lessons this half term children will continue to explore the unit 'Salvation'. By the end of the unit children will recognise that Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the bible. Children will be able to tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of salvation. Children will also recognise that Jesus gives instructions about how to behave.

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Manlove

Can I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with the year 2 SATS practice homework. Your discussions at home around the questions the children find tricky are very valuable and helpful.  
Thank you once again!

