

Literacy:

We will be developing our love of reading and books through daily story times, small world play, roleplay and weekly library trips. This half term, we will be focussing on developing phonological awareness and discrimination. Your child will bring home a wordless picture book within the next few days. Please spend some time each week sharing this together, talking about what might be happening in the pictures and creating storylines.

Maths:

We explore number in lots of different ways in Hedgehog class! Children will have lots of varied opportunities for counting, problem solving and number recognition. We will be learning to 'count carefully' in a sequence, focussing on ordinal value of numbers. We love to play games and sing counting songs to develop number awareness. We will also be learning about positional language and categorising objects.

Understanding The World:

Our role play area this half term will focus on the home as we have noticed that lots of our children really enjoy this play. We will be using our topic as an opportunity to talk about our own homes, families and communities as well as others around the world, too. If you have any pictures you would like to share, or any particular celebrations which you would like us to learn about and celebrate too, please add them to your Tapestry account. We love to share our experiences!

Communication & Language:

We will be working hard on developing the skills needed to be good listeners! Adults will model positive listening behaviours and we will talk about how to be a respectful listener during circle times, such as taking turns to listen to each other. We will also be playing some games to develop our listening and attention skills. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary through teaching and high-quality texts linked to our focus topic.



Hevingham
Primary School

Autumn Term 1 – 2025
'Around the World'
Hedgehog Class

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This will be a big focus for us in the next few weeks as we settle into school together. We will have circle time twice a week to talk about our feelings, share our thoughts and opinions, and have some fun as a whole class! We will spend lots of time exploring our continuous provision, accessing activities which promote teamwork and collaborative learning as we build relationships. Adults will model sharing, compromise and building positive friendships during play.

Key Information:

- * Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.
- * PE is on Tuesdays – please ensure children have their kit in school.
- * Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing. If you would like to bring puddle suits or waterproof trousers, you are most welcome to do so.
- * If you need any support accessing Tapestry, please speak to a member of staff. We are happy to help!

Expressive Art and Design:

We love to create in Hedgehog class! Children have free access to a wide range of art materials. This half term, we will be exploring different materials and mediums we can use to create, including collage, clay, paint and play dough. We also have lots of musical instruments to explore. We will be using recycled materials such as packaging and bottles to get creative with 'junk modelling' – we would love to receive any clean recycling items to use in class please!

Fine and Gross Motor Skills:

Children will be provided with lots of fun and varied activities to keep their bodies moving and developing their motor skills. We have trikes, balance bikes, large construction and often work as a team to build challenging obstacle courses! Mark making, playdough, tweezers and other resources are always available to support fine motor development. We also take part in weekly PE sessions which will take place on a Tuesday afternoon.

Confident and Healthy Individuals

Responsible Citizens

Successful Learners