

Literacy:

We will continue promoting a love for reading by having a focus story each week and completing some activities which are focused on this. Our Drawing Club sessions will begin this half term, relating to our focus story, encouraging children to give meaning to marks and begin to write using their phonetic knowledge. We will be exploring new vocabulary linked to our new topic and themes throughout the half term, including Christmas and the winter season.

Maths:

This half term we will continue to explore number, diving deeper into the composition of number within 5 and how this can be represented. We will look at the concept of one more and one less and begin to explore number within 10. We will also be learning about different 2D shapes and their properties. Linked to our learning about seasonal changes, we will discuss time and how our world changes as time passes.

Understanding The World:

Our new topic is 'Do Me a Flavour', within which we will be exploring different foods, looking at where they come from and which ones we can find growing locally. We will, of course, be doing lots of Christmas-themed activities, including talking about the Christmas story and exploring belief, building on our learning about religion around the world after learning about Diwali last term. We will also continue to explore seasonal changes, as we move from autumn into winter.

Communication & Language:

We will continue to work on the skills needed to be good listeners in Hedgehog Class. Singing songs, reading stories and using lots of talk in play will help to promote a high level of communication and language and children will be able to explore this further in our restaurant/ café themed role play area, as well as in all areas of our provision. We will continue to have weekly circle times where we practise the skills needed to listen and communicate effectively and respectfully, and we have begun to use 'turn, talk, tell' during lessons to encourage children to share learning and ideas.



Hevingham
Primary School

Autumn Term 2 – 2025

'Do Me a Flavour'

Hedgehog Class

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will be continuing our focus on building positive relationships this half term, incorporating working as a team and helping each other into all areas of our curriculum. We will continue our PSHE lessons using the PATHs scheme, exploring and learning about different feelings and emotions and how to manage these. We will weave our new topic into this area of development when we try new foods, promoting confidence, self-awareness and independence during cooking and taste-testing activities.

Key Information:

- * Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.
- * PE is on Tuesday afternoon – please ensure children have their kit in school.
- * Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing as the weather has turned colder.
- * Please continue to support your child's phonics by reading with them regularly and looking at the learning leaflet together.

Expressive Art and Design:

The children are really enjoying being creative in Hedgehog Class. We will continue to offer provision which allows children to express themselves individually, as well as lots of Christmas-themed craft activities and of course, cooking! We will be learning the songs for our Christmas performance this term and doing lots of practise to get show-ready!

Fine and Gross Motor Skills:

As we have begun our phonics scheme of learning, children are beginning to develop the skills required to support their letter formation. We will continue to offer lots of opportunities to promote their fine motor skills to support this. In PE, we will begin our dance unit of work, encouraging development of balance, control and stability when moving. In our outdoor area, the children have access to large loose-parts resources which they can use to create obstacle courses.

Confident and Healthy Individuals

Responsible Citizens

Successful Learners