



# Half termly review

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/ Carers

Another year is over and what a year it has been. The measures which we put in place at the start of the year has ensured that we have all kept as safe as we possibly could. We are hoping that come September we may be able to lift some of those restrictions in school but we cannot become complacent. I will be in touch before the children return in September with information about the day and how school will look for the children. I can tell you that the school day will be: gates open from 8.45am and registers will be taken at 8.55am. The day will end at 2.55pm. These timings have been worked out with other local schools to hopefully make it easier for all our families.

The children have all made progress this year despite of all the disruptions and both the staff and Governors are very pleased with what they have been able to achieve. We have had a lovely end of the term with the children enjoying their parties and an extra special party for our year two children who will all be going on to new schools, we wish them all love, happiness and excitement for the adventure that lies ahead.

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you for all your support and your end of year generosity.

Please enjoy the summer holidays, stay safe and we look forward to starting another term in September.

Take Care

Mrs Jo Orbell

## Overview of Hedgehogs Term

Well done Hedgehogs on an amazing year in Reception. Over the year we have covered a wide range of topics and tried to get hands on with as many of the topics as possible. The children have looked at families, festivals, traditional tales, space, dinosaurs, transport, planting and growing and much more.

Within these topics the children have enjoyed completing science experiments, enjoyed hands-on experiences such as having a fire, learning road safety and growing different herbs and spices. The children have enjoyed learning about adjectives and have used them to describe many different things such as the Giant from Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have been working hard with capital letters, full stops and sentence writing. Please try and help at home over the holidays to keep them in full swing ready for year 1.

In maths the children have developed a good understanding of more and less, number bonds to 10, subtraction, addition, doubling, halving, shape and much more. More recently they have really enjoyed starting to learn about time and what O'clock looks like, starting to move onto half past. The children have really benefited from lots of repetition because they have been able to secure each area and potentially learn different ways of completing them. For example some children are able to add practically, in their heads, using number lines and 100 squares and taking their time to secure each one first.

We are proud of all the Hedgehogs and wish them the best as they move into year 1.

## Overview of Badgers Term

Badgers class continue to be amazing superstars and we can't believe we have been together for a year. Many of the badger's children have made huge progress on their personal targets and we are so proud of them. We have continued to learn the phonic sounds but this term we have started to write words and even simple sentences. In Maths we have been learning to add and subtract with numbers up to 10 and we especially enjoyed using food to help us take away. We have used the three little pigs and Goldilocks to support our language development and story telling, we have enjoyed using props to role-play and act out these stories too. When we had very sunny weather we enjoyed water play and splashed in a big paddling pool where at one time all badgers got in it.

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach, guide and support your wonderful children. They are amazing and we hope you agree that they have made amazing progress.

Keep reading books at home and keep practising writing your names for next year.

## Overview of KS1 Term

In Key Stage One this term the children have been working hard to progress in all areas of the curriculum. We are so proud of their achievements in reading as they have all progressed well. A big thank you to all the families who have continued to support them at home by reading with them daily—it really makes a difference. The children have been learning how to use persuasive language to write their own leaflets in English. After looking at their completed leaflets we think we have some advertising executives of the future. They have all written leaflets telling us how amazing The Willows School, Fishermead and the surrounding areas are. In Maths we have been improving our calculation skills, learning how to represent data in bar charts and pictograms and answer questions about these. We have also been learning how to tell the time. In topic we have had a geography focus. The children have become little explorers, learning how to use a range of different maps and atlases to locate lots of man-made and natural features in the local environment. They learned how to read a map key and then went on to create their own. They also designed and drew their own 'life-map'. In their designs they had to draw symbols that represented their families and favourite foods and hobbies. They also drew an aerial view of their classrooms.

The Year 2 children have been working with Mrs Orbell and Mrs Nicholls to prepare for their Year 2 Leavers assembly which has now been filmed for you to enjoy at home.

All in all a great Summer term in Key Stage One, well done to all the children who have worked their socks off and had lots of fun along the way!




## Overview of Nursery Term

In nursery this half term we have enjoyed listening to the story of the Colour Monster who needs help from his friend to sort his emotions into different jars. We enjoyed thinking about what makes us happy, sad, worried and angry and how we can help our friends when they are feeling low. The story has really helped us to talk with our friends and grown-ups in nursery and describe how we are feeling.

We are very happy to make it through a whole term with no bubble closures, which has resulted in the children spending time making special memories with their friends. They enjoyed their transition times in reception class and talked very positively about their experiences. We all hope you have a lovely summer holidays and look forward to welcoming the children back in September when we continue joining them on their next learning adventures. Thank you for all your support through this unusual year.

From the Nursery Team.

## Diary dates




Friday 23rd July—Friday 3rd September—Summer Holidays		
Monday 6th September	8:45am	Children return to school— Welcome back
Thursday 23rd September		No 326 club—staff training after school
Thursday 7th October		Individual Pupil photographs 

## Attendance

Well done **Badgers and Squirrels** with an attendance of **100%** for the week beginning **12th July 2021**

Well done **Squirrels** with an attendance of **98.2%** for the half term .

### Half Termly Attendance Summer 2 2021

Year	Class Name	% Attendance Week Com-mencing 12th July 2021	% Half term-ly Attendance
Rec.	Badgers	100% 	96.8%
Rec.	Hedgehogs	92.8%	95.2%
KS1	Squirrels	100% 	98.2% 
KS1	Rabbits	94.6%	96.5%
KS1	Owls	96.8%	96.2%
<b>Total attendance</b>		<b>96.5%</b>	<b>96.5%</b>



## REMINDERS AND UPDATES

### School Uniform

We encourage the children to wear school uniform. All children wear a jade green sweatshirt or cardigan with a white polo shirt or t-shirt. Sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo, can be ordered from:



**Kedaph Schoolwear Ltd**, Unit A, Lennox Road, Bletchley MK2  
2HH in shop or online at [www.kedaphschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.kedaphschoolwear.co.uk) (telephone number 01908 850554).

Boys are encouraged to wear grey or black trousers, shorts or joggers (especially for those children in the early years).

Girls are encouraged to wear grey or black skirts / pinafore dresses, grey or black trousers, shorts or joggers (especially for those children in the early years).

Your child will need a spare change of clothes, in a named bag, on their peg in case of accidents.

**Sensible BLACK footwear** are necessary for both boys and girls as the children use the outside area every day and they need to be able to run and climb freely. Your child must bring a coat to school every day as the weather can change so quickly. Wellingtons may be needed in the winter months.

For PE lessons all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 require black/navy shorts, a white T-shirt, and plimsolls or trainers. In colder weather they also need a sweatshirt and jogging trousers for outdoor PE. Please do not forget to name all clothing.

### Book Donation

The Book Club in Newport Pagnell kindly donated some books to the School. The children all loved to choose a book of their very own to keep forever. ...what a treasure to help them on their incredible reading journey!



# Activities

## 10 FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

1. **Bike rides.** Go for a fun bike ride, either near your house, or take them on a bike trail. If its a hot summer day, make sure to take plenty of water!.
2. **Backyard camping.** If you cannot get away over the summer why not set up camp in your back garden? Put up a tent get some treats or toast some marshmallows on the BBQ and dig out those sleeping bags.
3. **Build a fort or tent.** Push your couches close together. Drape them with blankets or sheets and eat a snack or play a game under your fort or tent!
4. **Make a video.** Have your children video record the summer-y nature outside with commentary, conduct talk shows outside, or be actors and actresses. It can be an amusing memory to look back on one day.
5. **Fly a kite.** Pick a clear area to run and fly a kite of your choice. Flying a kite teaches your children patience and coordination. A plus is that they are pretty to watch high in the sky, with a bright sun, during a fun summer day!
6. **Make milk carton boats.** Take an old milk carton and shape it in the fashion of a boat. You can even paint it and stick a toothpick in it with a taped flag! Test it out by putting it in water in the sink or bath. Does it float? If not, your children can brainstorm on how to fix it.
7. **Play hide and seek in the dark.** Mix up plain old hide and seek with hide and seek in the **dark**! Black out your windows and prep areas that may be hazardous. It certainly makes for great entertainment!
8. **Backyard stargazing.** Put out a few blankets and lie down in your backyard/ balcony, and gaze upon the stars. Show your kids how to locate Orion's Belt and many other stars.
9. **Movie night:** Show a movie on the main television in your home. Serve popcorn and drinks and snacks.
10. **Game night:** Have a weekly game night, and rotate who chooses the game.

