

Welcome to Hedgehog Class at Layston Autumn Term 2026



Loving to learn,
Learning to love,
For every child
A chance to shine.



Home Learning - information and support will be added to both Tapestry and the school website

Parental engagement – what do I need to do to support my child?

Daily reading and spelling practice makes a massive difference to learning as it supports all areas of the curriculum.

Class information

Please ensure that all belongs are named.

Please bring in a named water bottle everyday.

Let us know if you have any concerns, we can sort them out together.

Timetable information

Forest School:

Mondays for Reception – please ensure forest school uniform, wellies should be in school and coats and appropriate clothes for the weather as it gets colder

Wednesdays for Year 1

PE: Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure that all jewellery is removed.

PE kits is shorts and T shirt and joggers if it is cold, with a jumper.

If you need to contact me either message via tapestry or email
astamp@layston.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to lots of lovely fun and learning!

Curriculum:

If you look at the school website (Classes and Curriculum - Classes -Hedgehogs) you will find detailed long term (Curriculum Map) and medium term (Knowledge Organisers) plans for the learning that your child will engage with during the year. The

English this term:

Year 1

In English, we shall be developing the children's phonic knowledge, writing captions and labels, sequencing stories and exploring rhymes as well as writing simple reports and recounts. Your child will be heard read throughout the week through Guided Reading sessions using the RWI books. Individual books will be sent home and changed at the beginning of the week. It is important for children to re-read books to develop their fluency.

Reception

We will be developing our listening skills, and phonological awareness and begin to learn single sounds and blend simple VC and CVC words. We will be practicing name writing and letter formation. All our writing will develop through our weekly core stories.

Numeracy this term:

Year 1

We will be working on place value within 10, addition and subtraction to 10, and geometry. We will be learning concepts in a hands-on way, using manipulatives and lots of practical learning.

Reception

We will be learning to match, sort and compare, measure and pattern, It's me 1,2,3 , circles and triangles, numbers to 5, shapes with 4 sides.

Topics this term:

YR: In Understanding the world we will be learning about maps and about our family and how we have changed

Y1: our theme will be What's it like here?

Y1 History: Toys past and present

Science this term will cover seasonal changes and everyday materials

In Art and Design we will be exploring **Marvellous Marks in YR and Year 1 will be exploring line and shape**

RE and PSHRE this term:

During RE we will be exploring the Christian concept of God, Creation, Harvest and the birth of Jesus. In PSHRE we shall be learning about who we can talk to if we are anxious, building friendships, creating community art work and talking about our feelings.

The Hedgehog Team:

Mrs Stamp will be teaching all week, supported by Mrs McTigue all week as our HLTA, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Eddleston will be with us M, T, W, Th., along with Mrs Cooper on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Kate or Mrs Payne will be with us over the course of the week. Miss Lewis will be supporting Year 1 on a Monday, and Mrs Foster will be supporting daily with Year 1.

General Information:

Please send your child in with a named coat each day (whatever the weather forecast), as well as a named water bottle. It is essential that all of your child's belongings are named.

Medicines:

If your child requires medication such as an inhaler or Epipen, please ensure you have spoken to the office to update their Care Plan and that the medication we have is correct and in date.

School website:

Please do check the school website for any further information. It is always helpful if you have discussed the school dinners with your child the night before so that they are sure what they want for lunch. We remind you that we are a nut free school and also expect children to bring a healthy snack for break time, such as cheese and crackers, cereal bars, fresh fruit and vegetables. Please cut grapes in half to reduce any risk of choking.

Remember we are here to help – please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries. Thank you.