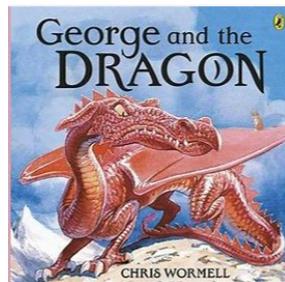


# Year 1 Newsletter Term 3



## Humble Hedgehogs

**Teacher: Miss Neal**

TA: Miss Timberlake & Mrs Linthorne.

PPA cover: Mrs Lennox and Mrs Giles.

## Books we are reading

Our first core book is George and the Dragon by Chris Wormell and our second is The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony. We will be using these texts to inspire discussion and writing.

## P.E

PE days will be Monday and Tuesdays for Year 1 in Term 3. Please ensure your children have trainers, a white or house colour t-shirt, black shorts / jogging bottoms and a blue PE hoodie. They may come to school in their kit on these days. We will be looking for great PE kits this term so please don't be offended if we ask you to keep to the PE kit list we just want to keep it fair for everyone. Please do speak to us if you are having trouble affording uniform. We ask the same of normal school uniform.

This term the second group of children will continue going to forest school starting on Monday 9th January. Please make sure children going to forest school have wellingtons and a coat.

## IPads

We are now using ipads in the majority of our lessons so it is essential that the children bring their iPads everyday and that it is over 70% charged.

One of our main issues with the ipads is the storage becoming too full to allow the ipad to use the programmes we need it to operate. To avoid this we would appreciate it if you could regularly check your child's ipad and delete any apps that are not regularly used for school or that take up large amounts of storage as well as any unwanted photos. We are also encouraging children to close apps and screens so they do not end up with too many open. These steps will help the ipads speed and make it easier for the children to use them independently.

The apps that we use in school and ask you to keep are: Showbie, Sumdog, Twinkl phonics, teach a monster to read, White Rose maths and Hairy Phonics.

## Classroom Door

Just a reminder that our classroom door closes at 8.55am. If you are arriving after that you will need to go around to the school office to be registered. This ensures all children receive the correct register mark and have had the correct lunch ordered.

## Dates for the diary:

Thursday 9th February will be our Kings and Queens day and children are encouraged to dress as a King or Queen if they would like or in their best clothes as we will be holding a coronation and tea party to celebrate our learning this term. We invite you to join us for this event at 2.00pm.

**Topic:** This term our topic is **“Heritage and Culture”** and we will be answering the question **“I wonder how the country is led?”**

In History we will be learning about Kings, Queens and Leaders and finding out more about what it means to be a leader.

In Geography this term Year 1 will be learning about maps and how places and objects are represented on maps.

Science: during our science lessons we will be learning about space, astronauts and the planets in our solar system.

In DT we will be investigating different types of bridges.

In music we are learning how to play boomwackers.

In the new Oasis curriculum each year group will focus on a different religion, the religion we will be learning about in year 1 is Christianity.

### Homework

- Daily reading of 5 minutes at least 5 times per week in order to be part of our reading treat with the Guinea Pigs. Reading can include phonics screening practise.
- Maths practise on a weekly sumdog task on app .
- Spelling practise on spelling shed website.
- Phonics homework shared via Showbie starting from w/c 9.1.23.

All homework tasks are released on Fridays.

### Safeguarding Week

This week has been Safeguarding week at all Oasis schools. In year 1 we have thought about how to stay safe when crossing roads, who our trusted adults are and about different occupations that help us and what they help us with. I was very impressed with the children’s ideas and knowledge of what they would do in different scenarios such as getting lost in a shop or if a family member had an accident. We have also been learning about Pantosarus and the pants rule. More information on this is available on the NSPCC website.

**P** RIVATES ARE PRIVATE  
**A** LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU  
**N** O MEANS NO  
**T** ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU  
**S** PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

### Habits

The habits for January and February are patient and compassionate.

We are looking for children who are able to wait well for things and those who can place themselves in the shoes of another to understand their situation.

