

Hedgehogs

SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER 2026



This term we will be observing the seasonal changes and looking for Signs of Spring. Big Hedgehogs will be learning about People that Help Us and focusing on developing healthy friendships. Little Hedgehogs will be exploring the colours of the rainbow.

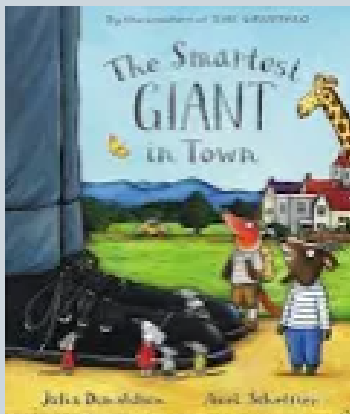


Our team



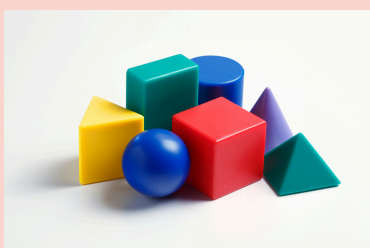
Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Patel, Miss Jenner, Mrs Maxwell-Miles, Miss Ferguson, Mrs Freeman. We are always available to chat to you about any concerns you might have.

Talk for writing



Children will embark on the early stages of the Talk For Writing process by listening to and learning the well loved story "The Smartest Giant In Town" and creating actions. We will incorporate this story into our daily provision through exploring kindness and good deeds and vocabulary through art activities, role play and games. We will also be introducing initial sounds, rhyme and alliteration through our Little Wandle phonics programme as well as our daily Rhyme Time.

Mathematics



This term we will develop our mathematical knowledge by looking at sequencing, positional language and 2D and 3D shapes. We will also continue our counting skills through daily provision activities, recognising number and quantity.

Dates for the Diary



- 13 April - Back to school
- 4 May - Bank Holiday
- 18 May - FOSMAS Sponsored Obstacle Course
- 22 May - Inset Day
- 26 May - Bank Holiday
- 25 May - 29 May - Half Term
- 1 June - Inset Day
- 2 June - Start of Summer 2 Term



Our value this half term is:
Friendship

Important Info

Tuesday/ Friday - Nursery 2 PE
wear comfortable clothing/tie back long hair/remove earrings

Monday / Thursday - Forest School
ensure wellies are at nursery

Wednesday - Library Books change
please return library books on this day

Please make sure that all belongings are named.

Please provide a sunhat/apply sun cream in hot weather.



Little Wandle Foundations



bus

Identify initial sounds

In our setting, we:

- play games focusing on initial sounds, for example, **Bertha the Bus**.

At home, you can:

- get your child to identify the first sound of words, for example, 'Oh look, here is our bus. Bus starts with b.'

b-u-s

Oral blending

In our setting, we:

- play lots of oral blending games, for example, 'Can you touch your ...?'
- oral blend words throughout the day, for example, 'Everyone put on your c-oa-t.'

At home, you can:

- try sound-talking different words, for example, 'Can you brush your t-ee-th?'



How to help at home...is your child a fussy eater?

The best way for your child to learn to eat and enjoy new foods is to copy you. Try to eat with them as often as you can.

Give small portions and praise your child for eating, even if they only eat a little.

If your child rejects the food, do not force them to eat it. Just take the food away without saying anything.

Try to stay calm, even if it's very frustrating. Try again another time.

Do not leave meals until your child is too hungry or tired to eat.

Your child may be a slow eater, so be patient.

Do not give your child too many snacks between meals – 2 healthy snacks a day is plenty.



Do not use food as a reward. Your child may start to think of sweets as nice and vegetables as nasty. Instead, reward them with a trip to the park or promise to play a game with them.

Make mealtimes enjoyable and not just about eating. Sit down and chat about other things.

If you know any other children of the same age who are good eaters, ask them round for tea. But do not talk too much about how good the other children are. Eating together at nursery really helps fussy eaters.

Ask an adult that your child likes and looks up to to eat with you. Sometimes a child will eat for someone else, such as a grandparent, without any fuss.

Changing how you serve a food may make it more appealing. For example, your child might refuse cooked carrots but enjoy raw grated carrot.



As long as your child eats some food from the 4 main food groups (fruit and vegetables; potatoes, bread, rice, pasta and other starchy carbohydrates; dairy or dairy alternatives; and beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat and other proteins) you do not need to worry!