**Hedgehog Class**

Welcome back to Hedgehog Class! We hope that you all had a great summer and that you are ready for the term ahead. Our topic this half term will be “Animals (Pets)”. We shall be looking at animals including humans in Science and our Art topic will be “Self Portraits”. In Design & Technology our topic will be “Eat More Fruit & Vegetables” where we will be designing and making a variety of meals including creating a healthy pizza! In RE we will be looking at What do Christians Believe God is Like? Our topic after the half term will be “Winter & Christmas”. We will begin the half term by learning about Bonfire Night in History as well as learning some safety tips too! In Science we will be covering Seasons and in Geography we will be exploring “Who lives in the North and South Poles?” We will then be heading into the Christmas period where our RE topic will be “Why is Christmas Important to Christians?”

We also have lots of other mini topics that we want to cover this term such as “Diwali” and “St Andrews Day”.

The children are welcome to bring in something special once every half term to share with the class during show and tell. This could be something like a swimming certificate or a photograph of a special holiday. Please don’t send in anything valuable or sentimental in case they get lost or damaged.

Hedgehog Class will continue to have Games on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Hughes and in addition to this, Mrs Johnson will be teaching yoga on a Friday. Please can we remind parents that a **named** PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag and kept in school at all times. A pair of jogging bottoms or leggings and a long sleeved top will be a good idea as the weather gets colder for outside games.

Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and should be handed back in on Monday mornings. Spellings will be given out on a Thursday to be tested the following Thursday. Reading books will come home with your child every night and they should read at least 5 times a week. We would appreciate it if you could fill in their reading logs when you have listened to them.

Hedgehog Class will also continue to visit Forest School every Wednesday morning this year. Please ensure that your child brings appropriate clothing including wellington boots and waterproof clothing. Again, please ensure that all forest school clothing is clearly labeled. We also appreciate donations of snacks such as biscuits or marshmallows to give the children an energy boost while we are up at the Drumbles Forest School site. Due to adult to child ratios this year, we will need 2 adult volunteers to come with us each week. If you would like to volunteer to come along, please let us know which dates would suit you… We always appreciate as much help as possible!

Many thanks,

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Johnson ☺