Curriculum Newsletter- Reception: Autumn 2 2026

Dear Parent or Guardians,

Welcome to your Autumn 2 newsletter. The children had a fantastic start at Edwards Hall and we are all so proud of how they settled in and enjoyed all of the learning during their first half term. This newsletter will give you a brief overview of the things we will be covering during the second half of Autumn. Our main topic this half term is called **'Shine Bright'.**

Communication and Language

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions;
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.
- Building up a repertoire of familiar stories.
- Use recently introduced vocabulary, e.g. 'safety' and 'celebrations'.

Understanding of the World

- In RE, we will be looking at the question, 'What times are special and why?'
- Bonfire Night and the Nativity story.
- Diwali (November).
- An introduction to Space

Physical Education

In P.E lessons we will be working on:

- Following basic instructions
- Navigating obstacles and finding a safe space
- Footwork and Static Balance (one leg).
- Jumping and landing effectively.

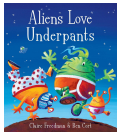
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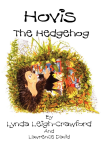
- Hovis the Hedgehog
- Whatever Next
- How to Catch a Star
- Rama and Sita

Reading and Writing:

- The children will now be grouped in phonics lessons, allowing them to focus on different areas. Some will be revisiting the Set 1 sounds, whereas others will be beginning to blend more and read some short ditties.
- All children will continue to work on their oral blending and sound recognition.
- Learning to write first names with the correct letter formation.
- Writing CVC words, e.g. three letter words such as 'rug' and 'log'.









Mathematics



- Subitising numbers to 5
- Comparing numbers to 5
- Counting, cardinality and ordinality
- Composition of numbers to 5.
- 2D shapes: circles, triangles, rectangles and squares.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Introduction to step-by-step drawing increasing accuracy and detail.
- Junk modelling
- Use and explore a variety of different materials and tools
- Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas themed artwork
- Introduction to painting - colour mixing and mark making (looking at the work of the artist Tommy Hollenstein)
- Christmas decoration making.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be reading stories and acting out role play in relation to 'Anti-bullying week' (w.c. 16/11/26).
- We will also be discussing feelings and building an understanding others' feelings and behaviours.
- What makes a good friend?