

Dear Parents and carers,



We're looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival next week, and the Hedgehogs have been busy warming up their singing voices for a special performance of *'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'*. We're very excited to share this with those of you who are able to attend – we know you'll be just as proud of them as we are! Just a little reminder that parent consultations are taking place on Wednesday. Each appointment will last around 10 minutes. While we'd love to chat for longer about your wonderful children, we do need to stick to the time slots to ensure everyone is seen without delays. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

### This week

We had a wonderful week in Hedgehogs. Inspired by *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, we went on our very own villain hunt. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and really embraced the adventure. We created our own version of the story, complete with 'splidge, splodging' through sand and 'squeak, creaking' through our Wigloo. In maths, we explored how numbers are made up of smaller parts. The children investigated how numbers like 3 and 4 can be composed of ones (for example, 3 being made from 1 and 2). Through hands-on activities they discovered that a whole number can be split into parts in different ways. This helped them begin to understand the concept of number composition. We also created a large 3D map of our journey and showed great creativity when designing our own superhero capes.

### Next week

Our focus next week will be on phonics. We will be creating some short videos for the school website to demonstrate how we pronounce the phonemes (sounds) we have learned so far, which we hope will be helpful for you at home. In maths, we will be continuing to develop the children's subitising skills. This includes recognising quantities without counting, such as identifying the number of claps or drum beats they hear. We will also be encouraging the children to observe changes in quantities and arrangements of small groups of objects.

Best wishes

The Hedgehog Team

