

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! We have included a handout with this email showing the sounds and tricky words we will be learning in phonics this term. We will also text out a link to show you how to pronounce each phoneme. You will also find our Wow Words for this week, linked to our story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*—words the children may not have heard before but which will help develop their vocabulary and certainly impress others when we are out and about!



This week

Hedgehogs Class had quite a shock after coming in from lunch to discover that someone had caused a bit of a kerfuffle in the classroom. After looking at the evidence, we created a wanted poster to find the person so we could help them. It turned out to be Goldilocks, who was terribly hungry! We also received a Zoom message from her explaining how sorry she was for the destruction she caused in the Three Bears' house, and she asked us to help her write a sorry letter. Of course, we obliged and used our phonic skills to make wonderful sorry cards. In maths, the children learned to recognise small quantities by sight and to notice groups within larger numbers. They practised visualising dot patterns and talking about the parts they could see to deepen their understanding of how numbers are made. They also worked on recognising numerals to 5 and linking them to the correct quantities.

Next week

We will be continuing the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We will be creating our own porridge and making our very own class recipe book showing how to make it. In maths, the children will build their counting skills, learning that the last number said tells them how many there are. They will practise the number order from 1 to 5, notice that each number is 1 more than the one before, and begin to understand words like first and second. We will also use the iPads to learn about different types of bears and use musical instruments to create sounds and noises for different parts of the story.

The Hedgehog Team

Wow Words.

Ferocious: extremely angry or violent or very unpleasant

Demolish: to smash up or break

Enraged: very angry.

Awaken: to stop sleeping.

Puzzling: surprising or unclear.

