

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are already halfway through Term 3? This is one of our favourite times of the year, as we begin to see all the hard work from both the children and the Hedgehogs team really shine through. Wonderful messages are being written, friendship worries are being talked through and resolved, and maths problems are being tackled with calm determination. You may have seen some of our Phonic Challenge forms coming home. These are designed to help children remember and use the grapheme of the day, and all eager participants earn **ten** Dojo points for completing them— we've had lots of fun using Numicon to explore how our Dojo points are made up of tens and ones.



This week

We have continued learning the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children made porridge and tried a variety of flavours to see whether they preferred it sweet or salty—sweet was the clear winner! After receiving a letter from Goldilocks' mummy asking for help with making porridge, the children wrote instructions to guide her. They also created music to accompany different parts of the story, thinking carefully about mood and atmosphere. The children had great fun making honey sandwiches, practising spreading and cutting while learning about good hygiene and safe use of equipment. In maths, the children practised counting objects, focusing on numbers to five. They explored how each number is one more than the last and began using simple words like *first* and *second* to help them understand order.

Next week

We will be learning the story of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Using our phonic skills, we'll be creating posters to warn everyone that the Big Bad Wolf is still on the loose! After receiving a special message from Granny, we'll also be putting together a basket of goodies to send her, since that cheeky wolf knocked Little Red's gifts into the mud. In maths, the children will continue building their understanding of the number 5. They will explore different ways to split 5 into parts through hand-on activities, noticing how many combinations can make a whole. They will also practise finding missing parts by visualising numbers within 5, helping them understand how smaller parts come together to make a whole.

Best wishes,

The Hedgehog Team

Wow Words.

amble: to go for a walk at a slow pace

delectable: delicious.

seething: very angry.

famished: very hungry.

scalding: very hot.

