

Hedgehogs – Week 4

Hedgehogs,

I hope you are all well and keeping busy. This last week has been a little different for me and my family because it's the month of Ramadan. If you don't know, Ramadan is when Muslims 'fast' during the day. This means we cannot have any food or water during the day! We have a light meal around 3:00 AM (or 3'oclock in the morning) and then we pray before going to bed. We then cannot eat or drink anything until around 8.30 PM (or half past 8 in the evening). We have to 'fast' for almost 18 hours! Ramadan is not just about not eating but a chance for me and my family to practise being kinder to people, giving money to charity, praying more and for some, practising our cooking skills! I'll make sure to take pictures of anything special we make so I can show you. I think samosas are on the menu for next week..

I have been practising how to sew a button on some fabric and as you can see I got carried away! Why don't you have a go at sewing too? Make sure you only do it with a grown up as the needles can be very sharp and dangerous.



I would like to show you this really handy website where you can [read books for free](#). Also, make sure you tune in to [this website](#) because they're offering daily phonics lessons from 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM. I recommend you take part in the **10:30 AM one especially if you are in Year 1**. Year 2, you could also take part if you just fancy keeping your phonics skills fresh. I am always wondering what you all have been doing at home so please do keep sending in things to the school email address. It puts a smile on everyone's face! info@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org.

Miss Hussain ☺

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English / Phonics

This week I would like you to focus using your reading skills to answer questions!

One **page 3** of this document I have attached a poem called 'Aliens Stole My Underpants'. Read, enjoy and perform the poem with your family. Think of any actions you can do to make it fun to perform! Can you memorise it? Then have a go at discussing the questions (**on page 4**). Good luck!

Alternative pronunciations of 'ch' (like in church and school) and 'ou' (like in loud and you) on PhonicsPlay. Play the [Cheeky Chimps](#) game! username -> march20 password -> home

Y1 - make sure you tune in to the [daily Phonics session](#) at **10:30 am** too.

Y2 - practise spelling and using words with contractions in sentences like *cannot = can't, would not = wouldn't, I am = I'm, have not = haven't, could not = couldn't, he is = he's, they are = they're* and so on.

News Reporter - Your challenge is to interview family members. Can you write down things they like and dislike? Can you compare them to someone else in the family? You could ask about colours, clothes, food, drinks, books, places and music. You could even ring or video call family members far away from you and interview them!!

Purple Mash

You will all have a 2do titled 'word spot' but the text you will have to read and spot the words in will be different. I would like you to read the text and 'sort' the words into nouns, adjectives and verbs. Good luck!

Topic

Research nocturnal animals. [This video](#) is a good starting point. Nocturnal animals are more active at night. These animals sleep during the day in a burrow or den. Nocturnal animals may have larger ears to hear better, bigger eyes to see better, and body parts that glow in the night. [Use this website](#) to help you learn about the different animals. You could then make a fact file or mind map about 2 or 3 animals.

Purple Mash

You might have noticed we have an online display board where I can publish some of your work! I have set an ICT Art task where some of you need to either complete a dinosaur or create one from scratch. I'd love to publish some of these!

Maths

Practise telling the time with a grown up. Talk about what the big and small hand show us on a clock. You could have a go at this [fun game](#) too (scroll down to access the game).

Year 1 - focus on challenges 1 and 2. (you can do 3 too if you feel really confident)

Year 2 - focus on challenges 3, 4 and 5.

I liked [this activity](#) too.

Look very carefully at the features of a clock and make your own paper version. Here's an example:



There's plenty of videos on YouTube explaining how to do it step by step if you get stuck.

Y2 - focus on telling the time at different 5 minute intervals.

When you've done the activities you can then go on this [handy website](#), choose your year group and learn about a variety of Maths problems. There are some handy videos I really recommend you watch to help you. If you feel up to another challenge I saw some worksheets on the website you can do too!

Purple Mash

You will all have some 2do's relating to Maths. Some of you may have three! Take a look at what you have been set. Extra -> Practise writing down your number bonds/pairs to 10, 20, 30 and 100 if you feel really brave.

Creative/craft

Create your own animals using [this handy website](#) to give you ideas.

Using whatever materials you've got around the house, create an animal mask. Here are some ideas..



Aliens Stole My Underpants

To understand the ways
of alien beings is hard
and I've never worked it out
why they landed in my backyard.

And I've always wondered why
on their journey from the stars,
these aliens stole my underpants
and took them back to Mars.

They came on a Monday night
when the weekend wash had been done,
pegged out on the line
to be dried by the morning sun.

Mrs Driver from next door
was a witness at the scene
when aliens snatched my underpants-
I'm glad that they were clean!



It seems they were quite choosy
as nothing else was taken.
Do aliens wear underpants
or were they just mistaken?

I think I have a theory
as to what they wanted them for,
they needed to block off a draught
blowing in through the spacecraft door.

Or maybe some Mars museum
wanted items bought back from space.
Just think, my pair of Y-fronts
displayed in their own glass case.

And on the label beneath
would be written where they got 'em
and how such funny underwear
once covered an Earthling's bottom!

By Brian Moses

Aliens Stole My Underpants Comprehension Questions

1. When did the aliens come?

2. Why did they choose that day?

3. Who was a witness as the aliens stole the underpants?

4. What else did they take from the line?

5. Why does the poet finally decide that aliens stole his underpants?



Extra ideas - What do you think the alien looked like?

- Write a paragraph describing it and then draw it.
- Write about what you do next together.