Hi everyone, I am Demi Walters - Hedgehogs class teacher. We also have Jayne and Tom in our classroom who help to make a wonderful staff team. We are very excited to meet the class, to begin to get to know each child’s interests and to for each child to begin or continue on their Springfield journey.

Our topic for this Autumn Term is ‘People who help us’ and we will be linking this across all subjects.

Snack - we have snack time twice a day in Hedgehogs class (morning and afternoon). Please could you send in a range of snacks each day for your child to choose from. We do have fruit in school. Please could you also send in a water bottle for your child to keep in school. If your child won't drink water and prefers to drink juice, you can send a bottle of squash into school and we can write your child's name on it for them to use.

Lunch - if your child eats a packed lunch, please send one in each day. We provide free school meals until the end of key stage one (so Year 1 and Year 2 still get free school meals). I can send the lunch menu out to you to choose what your child would eat if you would like me to - please let me know via email. Then once we start to learn what your child will eat, we can continue to choose on their behalf. We do provide taster plates which are small portions of each food item for your child to touch and taste (if they will not eat a full meal), if you would like one of these instead of a meal or alongside a packed lunch, then please email me to let me know.

Nappies - if your child wears nappies or pull-ups, please can you send some into school for us to keep in class along with wipes. I will email you when we are running low on these as the school year starts and then you can just keep topping them up when necessary.

Spare clothes - please could you send in a bag of spare clothes/ socks/ pants, etc. as they come in handy and we also have a lot of messy/ wet play in school too.

Wellies and waterproofs - we access the outside areas and our forest school area in all weather conditions. So please can you send in an appropriate waterproof coat for your child to wear each day. If you could send in some spare wellies and waterproofs too, then these will come in extra handy during forest school as we can get very muddy!

PE - our PE lesson is every Thursday. We ask for you to send your child into school wearing their PE kit on this day if possible. PE kit can be jogging bottoms, shorts (weather appropriate), a white t-shirt, and trainers/ pumps. Swimming will be every Tuesday once the swimming pool is up and running, so I will inform you when we are closer to starting our swimming sessions.

All information can be accessed via the school website. I will post a weekly blog on the website so that you can see what fun we have been up to each week and I will also send out a username for our private class twitter account that will be used to share photos during the week.

The school day starts at 8.55am. The school day finishes at 3.15pm. Please be assured that if your child is coming into school on transport, we will greet the transport driver/ escort and walk your child from the taxi/ bus to the classroom.

If you do have any questions, please do email me – [hedgehogs@springfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:hedgehogs@springfield.staffs.sch.uk) or contact the school office on 01538 383558.

Thank you,

Demi and the Hedgehogs team