



Hedgehog class is within the Structured learning approach. In class there are 9 pupils with ages ranging from 10 to 12 years. They are supported by a Class Teacher, a Senior Teaching Assistant and 3 Teaching Assistants.

Hedgehog class follow the TEACCH approach to learning, where pupils rotate their learning using 3 different stations. They are supported using personalised schedules and visuals to support them with their routine, communication and transition throughout the day. We use a total communication approach, focussing on developing pupils' social communication, emotional-regulation and independence. Learning is differentiated to support their individualised learning needs and styles of learning. Learning is planned to motivate, engage and challenge pupils.

This year, Hedgehog class will be following a project-based curriculum, where each term pupils will engage with a different themed project. In Term 1 we are focussing on 'The best of me: inside out', where pupils have created pieces of art, music and videos that will be displayed in our art gallery event. We are also focussing on developing fine motor skills, pencil control, speaking and listening and reading and colourful semantics during literacy lessons. In numeracy, we are working on number, shape and measure. We also engage with Attention Autism, Tac Pac, Write dance, Dough Disco, Six Bricks and Clever Fingers to support our engagement, attention and development. In Hedgehog Class, we love singing and showing off our dance moves. We also enjoy sensory exploration, play and craft activities.

