

# Year 2 Knowledge Organiser - The Hodgeheg

## Important information

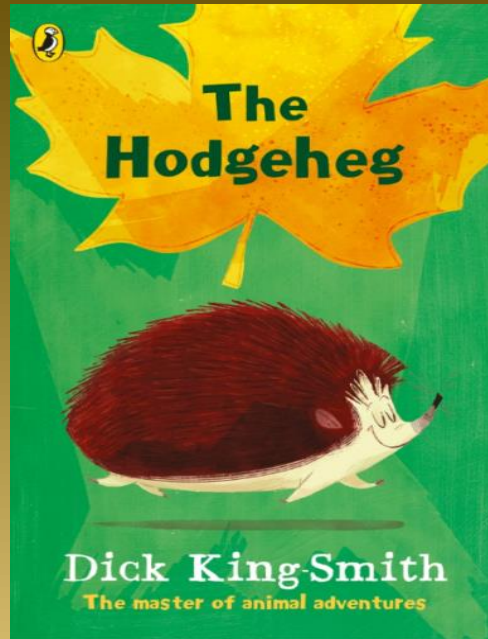
Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?  
 His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodge-heg!  
 Still determined to fulfil his mission, Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work . . .

Themes: We have chosen this book as it links in with many of our school values such as **determination** and **resilience** and it teaches a valuable lesson about road safety. Children are immediately engaged due to animals being the main characters within the book.

**Setting:** park

## Characters

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| Max                       | A brave little hedgehog, who is determined to find a way across the busy road to get to the park. |
| Peony<br>Pansy<br>Petunia | His little sisters.   |



'by now his eyes, his ears and his wits were as sharp as his spines'

Dick King Smith

**Name of book:** The Hodgeheg  
**Date Published:** July 2017  
**Author:** Dick King Smith  
**Illustrator:** Steph Laberis

## Writing genres:

- Character description
- Letter
- Information leaflet

## Key Vocabulary

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| <b>ambled</b>    | walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace.   |
| <b>crouched</b>  | to lower the body close to the ground by bending the legs                             |
| <b>rush-hour</b> | <b>Rush hour</b> is the part of the day during which traffic on roads is the busiest. |

**Context:** Dick King-Smith was a Gloucestershire farmer until the age of 45, when he gave up farming to become a primary school teacher. Now a bestselling full-time author, his work has received many awards including a Bronze Medal for the Smarties Prize of 1997 for All Because of Jackson and the Children's Book Award in 1995 for Harriet's Hare. In 1992, he was also voted Children's Author of the Year. In 1995, his top-selling title The Sheep-Pig was developed into a box-office movie, BABE, introducing hundreds of thousands of youngsters to his work.