

Things to Remember...

- Our PE sessions are on Thursdays.
- Please ensure your child has PE kit on these days.
- Please bring your reading book to school every day.
- Homework diaries will be collected in on Thursdays and sent home on Fridays.
- Show and Tell – check the class timetable to find out what day you can bring something special in to show the class.

Please come and speak to myself and Mrs Mann if you have any questions or queries, however big or small, we will do our best to help.

Our school website address is:

www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk

Class Blogs!

Don't forget to look at the Hedgehog Class Blog page! You will find information and pictures of things we have been learning in class, and links to internet games we have been using in class to try at home.

Other useful Websites:

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/gallery/audio-2/> - Phonics link to hear how to pronounce all of the letter sounds correctly.

Wednesday Welly Walks!

On Wednesday mornings, we will go on our welly walks. 9.00 – 10.30am. We will start these on Wednesday 3rd October.

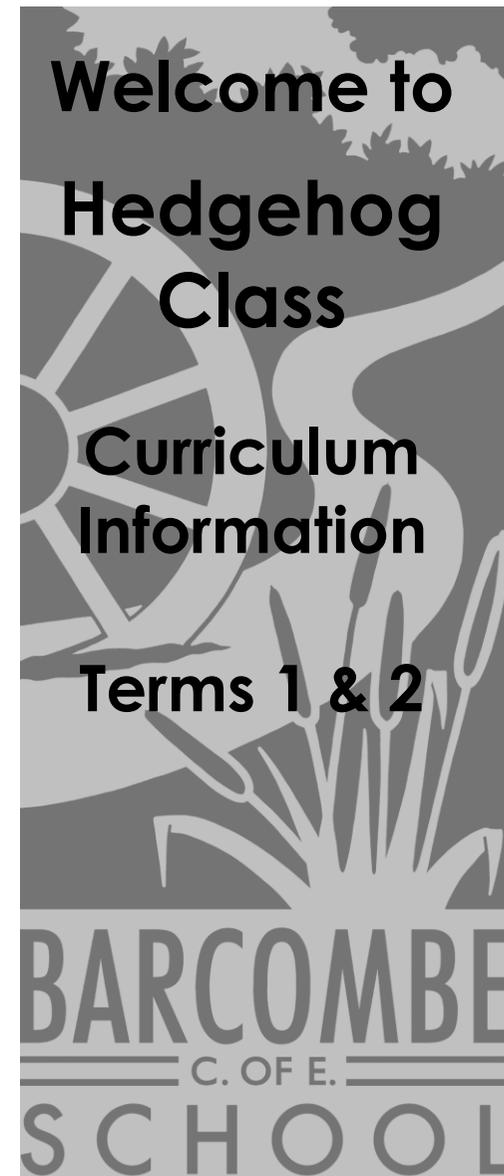
We ask that you send your child to school dressed in old, warm clothes, to enable us to take our learning to Wild About Barcombe. We go whatever the weather! This term we will be finding our way around the area, as well as making bird nests and broomsticks using twigs and sticks.

Friday Welly Walk Challenge!

On Friday afternoons we will be starting to build up to the school's 'daily mile' challenge by walking around the Recreation ground in our welly boots. The Hedgehogs will be walking half a mile – twice around the Rec.

Dates for your diary:

- Curriculum Meeting for Parents –Wednesday 19th September –9am in the Hedgehog classroom I will be telling you a little more about this term.
- Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church –Tuesday 9th October– 9am
- Welly Walks – Will begin on Wednesday 3rd October – 9.00-10.30am
- Take One Flight afternoon – Friday 12th October – 2.15 -3.00pm
- Inset day – Thursday 18th October
- Christmas Performance – Thursday 13th December - in the Sports Hall 9.00am.



Teacher: Mrs Whittle
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Mann and Miss Ashdown

Mathematical Development

This term the children will be learning to count up to 10 objects accurately, as well as developing their recognition of these numbers. Please help your child at home by spotting numbers and counting things everywhere you go! They will be learning to compare groups of objects and identifying which group has the most or least. We will be developing our mathematical vocabulary this term, describing 2D and 3D shapes using terms such as; side, corner, edge.

Physical Development

In PE we will be exploring different games skills and developing our use of different equipment, including tennis rackets, cricket bats and footballs. In Term 2, the focus will be on movement for the Christmas production.

PSED

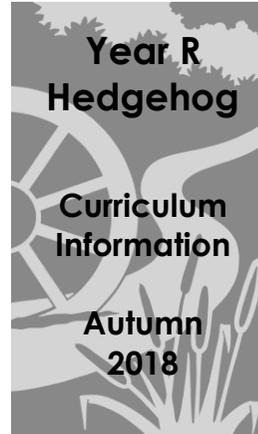
In PSED we will be developing our circle time skills, and getting to know our new class friends. We will be talking about how we feel at different times at school and working together to write a set of 'happy hedgehog rules'.

Creative Development

This term we will be using a variety of materials to draw and paint. Mrs Wilkins will be working with the Hedgehogs on Wednesday afternoons. She will be helping the children to paint self-portraits and make paper planes and flying saucers!

ICT

The focus for this term's ICT is to learn how to use a variety of everyday technology, including the CD player, Ipad, telephone and television. This is something you can help with at home. We will be using the Interactive White Board with our fingers to explore some learning games and websites. I will put links on the class blog for you to try at home.



Music

This term we will be learning to sing lots of different songs as a class, adding actions to help us remember the words. We will be exploring different percussion instruments, learning their names and finding out how to play them in different ways.

RE

This term, we will be celebrating our school Harvest festival and thinking about what happens at Harvest time. We will be visiting a St Mary's Church for our Harvest festival and talking about what a church is used for.



Language and Literacy

This term we will be reading and retelling lots of familiar stories, developing our knowledge of characters, settings and story sequence. We begin by reading Owl Babies and then we will move onto Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children will be developing their motor skills and pencil control through lots of 'small hand' activities.

Phonics -We will be learning the individual letter sounds, using sounds, pictures and actions. I will be sending home 3 sounds each week for you to practise. Please help your child become familiar with recognising the lower case letter shapes, and try and find things that begin with the letter sound. As we learn individual letter sounds, we will begin to blend sounds to read small 2 and 3 letter words.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about 'ourselves'. We will be labelling out body parts and thinking about what we can do. We will be exploring our senses through some fun games and experiments. In both term 1 and 2 we will be going on 'welly walks' to Wild About Barcombe to explore our surrounding environments.

Our Learning Journey...

Our first topic is 'Take One Flight', where the Hedgehog class will be finding out about things that fly. From aeroplanes to superheroes to owls and bees! We will begin by reading Owl babies and finding out about owls. If you have created any owl activities over the Summer please bring them into school to show us. We will be looking at Leonardo De Vinci's flying machine, before working together to design our own. Next term, we will be moving onto a topic about 'Fire', where we will be finding out about fire engines, fireworks, bonfire night as well as learning about Diwali.