

Things to Remember...

- Our PE sessions are on Thursdays.
- Please bring your reading book to school every day.
- Show and Tell – check the class timetable to find out what day you can bring something special in to show the class.
- Please bring a water bottle in everyday, so that your child has a drink in the classroom.
- It is a really good idea to put a spare pair of pants and socks in your child's PE bag – just in case we need to change.

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

Tapestry

Once we have set up your child's Tapestry account, please look at it each week to see what we have been learning at school. It is a great starting point for conversations about our busy days at school.

We love to read comments from yourself, as well as the things your child says when talking about what they see.

Please try and upload photographs of things you get up to at home. We love sharing your posts and home learning with the children on Thursdays.

Wednesday Welly Walks!

On Wednesday mornings, we will go on our Welly Walks. 9.00 – 10.30am. We will start these on Wednesday 25th September.

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. Lots of layers keep us warm when it gets chilly. We go whatever the weather!

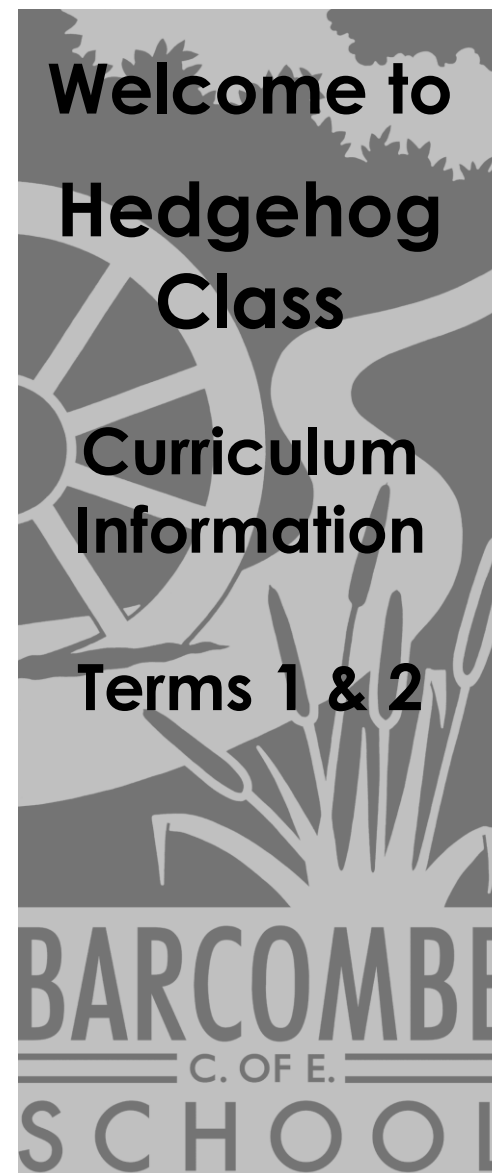
This term we will be finding our way around Wild About Barcombe, playing games and looking for signs of Autumn.

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. We will be playing some games along the way to help us get to know our new friends. The Hedgehogs will be walking half a mile – twice around the Rec.

Dates for your diary:

- Curriculum Meeting for Parents –Wednesday 18th September –9am I will be telling you a little more about this term.
- Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church –Friday 11th October– 9am
- Welly Walks – Will begin on Wednesday 25th September – 9.00-10.30am
- School Art Exhibition – Friday 18th October – 2.30pm
- Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church – Tuesday 10th December – 9am
- Christmas Performance – Wednesday 11th December in the Sports Hall 9.00am.



Teacher: Mrs Whittle
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Holmans

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, naming and describing 2D shapes. We will be going shape hunting around school to see what we can find.

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, paint and make. We will be looking in the mirror to help us paint self-portraits. We will be using clay to make some owls and hedgehogs too.

ICT

The focus for this term's ICT is to learn how to use a variety of everyday technology, including the iPad, telephone, microwave 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.

Year R Hedgehog

Curriculum Information

Autumn
2019

Music

This term, Mrs Thompsett will be helping us on Wednesday afternoons to learn to sing lots of different songs together. 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 some familiar stories, developing our knowledge of the characters, settings and story sequence. We begin by reading Owl Babies and talking about how the owls felt through the story.

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 and our families. On our welly walks, we will be finding out about the signs of Autumn and watching things change as it gets colder. We will be talking about similarities and differences and looking closely at acorns, conkers and leaves we collect.

Our Learning Journey...

Our first topic is 'Take One Heart', where we will be using our story of Owl Babies to learn about friendship, family and feelings. We will be talking about their emotions in the story and being kind and caring to our friends. We will also be finding out about Harvest festival. We will be thinking about ways to keep our hearts healthy, including healthy fruits and vegetables we can eat. Next term, we will be moving onto finding out about bonfire night as well as learning about Diwali. We will then move onto our exciting topic of Christmas!