

Things to Remember...

- Our PE sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please come to school wearing your PE kit for the whole day.
- 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 myself and Miss Baker if you have any questions or queries, however big or small, we will do our best to help.

Tapestry – Reception children

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 you have written 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 7th 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. 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, using maps to look for treasure. We will also be looking for seasonal changes.

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.

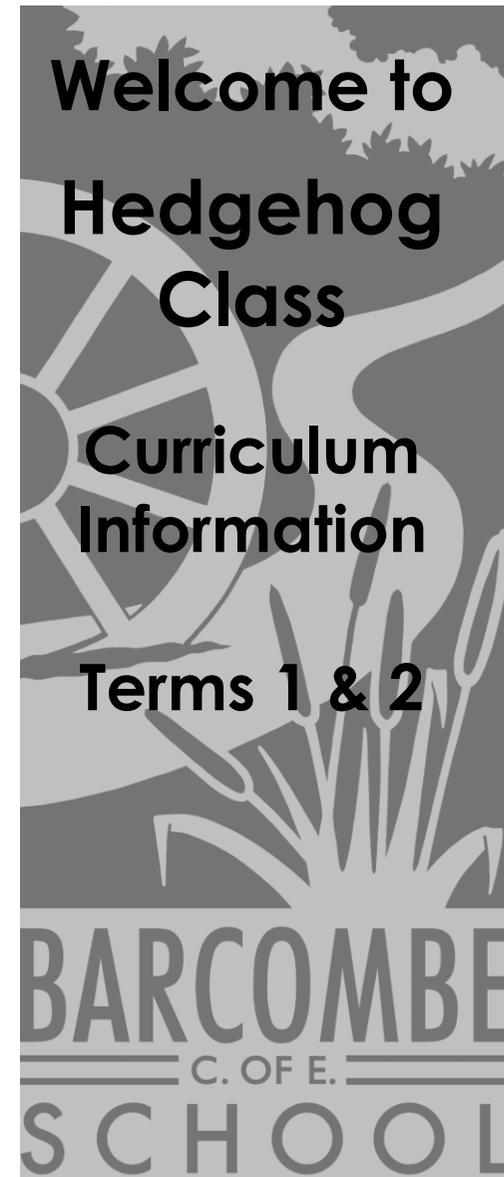
Hedgehog Blog – Year 1

I will be sharing some of our learning using the class blog, so please have a look and write a comment.

www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk → Class Blogs → Hedgehog Class

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 6th October – Harvest Festival (This will be virtual – more information to follow.)
Week beginning 19th October – Parent Consultations
Monday 2nd November – Inset day.



Teacher: Mrs Whittle
Teaching Assistants: Miss Baker

Mathematical Development

Our main focus for term 1 will be number and counting.

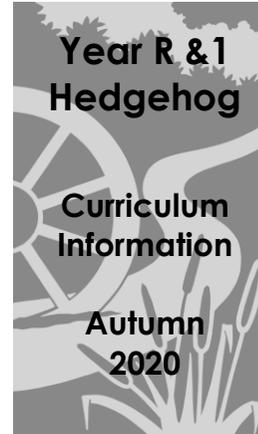
Reception will be learning to count up to 10 objects accurately, as well as developing their recognition of these numbers. Please help your child at home by spotting numbers and counting things everywhere you go! They will be learning to compare groups of objects and identifying which group has the most or least.

Year 1 will be ensuring our number knowledge is secure to 20, reading and writing and counting objects accurately. We will then progress to addition and subtraction. The year 1 children will use concrete apparatus to help them add and subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers.

We will then move onto 2D shapes, learning to sort them, name them and talk about how many sides and corners they have.

Reception 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 lowercase 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 2 and 3 letter words.



Year 1 Phonics - Phonic sessions will happen daily and children will be ensuring they have a secure knowledge of their Phase 3 digraphs. We will be playing games to help them read words and encouraging them to spell words phonetically. Year 1 will also be focusing on using the correct letter formations.

Language and Literacy

This term, we will be reading Pirate stories and non-fiction books to help us gain knowledge and write our own facts.

When the Reception children begin school, we will be reading Owl Babies and learning to retell the story together using pictures and puppets. We will be delving into how the characters felt and things they say in the story.

We will move onto The Naughty Bus and Traction Man when learning about toys.

Reception children will be focusing on identifying initial sounds for words. As well as developing our small hand muscles to support our pencil control for writing.

Year 1 children will be focusing on writing sentences with increasing independence.

Next term, we will be reading Stone Soup and creating our own potions!

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'.

Art and DT

This term, we will be looking at a painting by Hokusai, called The Big Wave. We will use this to help us create our own sea pictures. We will be reading the story called The Naughty Bus and using junk modelling skills to make our own buses.

RE

During term 1, we will be looking at the beauty of the world and the treasures we find here. We will be reading and exploring the Christian creation story as part of this. As we approach December, we will look at the Nativity story.

Physical Development

In PE this term, we will be focussing on developing movement and coordination. We will be exploring multi skills activities to develop balance, spatial awareness, agility and coordination.

Our Project is... Take One Treasure!

Our first topic is 'Take One Treasure' where we will begin by learning about pirates. We will be looking at historical sources to see what we can learn from them. In Science, we are going to be exploring floating and sinking using a variety of objects and materials, before making boats to test on the water. We will be making pirate maps using symbols to guide others to their treasure!

We will move on to our own talk about our personal treasures such our families and toys. We will be comparing toys from the past to the toys we play with now, and learning about how things have changes over time.

Next term, we will be moving onto our treasured celebrations and traditions, which will include finding out about bonfire night, the story of Guy Fawkes and the Hindu celebration of Diwali. We will then move onto our exciting topic of Christmas!