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Sheep Class Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter- September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome (or welcome back) to Sheep Class! I will teach the class full time with the support of our two fantastic teaching assistants, Miss Mayes and Miss Johnson. On a Thursday afternoon Mrs Gkikopoulos will teach Art/DT. We have had a great first week and our new Reception children are settling in beautifully. We have a busy half term planned and our curriculum map can be found on the back of this letter. Please make sure your child has a named coat in school every day - you never know what weather we will be experiencing so it's best to come prepared! Our outdoor area can get quite muddy so we also ask that children bring a pair of named wellies to keep in school. Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you that children should bring a named drink bottle each day and that it should contain water, not juice.

Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 6 September - Friday 21 October 2022**
- **Half-term holiday: Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2022**
- **Monday 31 October - Friday 16 December 2022**
- **Christmas holiday: Monday 19 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023**

Homework

From next week children in Years 1 and 2 will bring home a homework book on a Thursday. They will be set one task to complete (usually maths or literacy based) which should be returned to school any time by the following Thursday.

Reading

In addition to weekly homework, children will bring home a reading book every day. We cannot over emphasise the importance of reading at home with your child. We encourage you to hear your child read every day for 5-10 minutes. Please record a short note in the reading record to let us know which pages they have read and to share how your child is getting on. Reception children will bring home their first wordless reading book next week. The purpose of these is to generate talk, widen vocabulary, develop imagination and spark an interest in books.

All children will have library time on a Thursday when they can choose a library book to bring home. This should be returned to school by the following Thursday please.

PE

PE will be on Fridays so please send your child wearing their PE kit on this day. Children should wear trainers, dark coloured bottoms and the usual white polo shirt/t-shirt, school cardigan/jumper is fine. Plimsolls are not needed.

Tapestry

For Reception children only we will be using Tapestry, an online learning journal, to record children's day to day achievements. We encourage you to add entries to your child's account to record achievements at home. Details about how to access your child's account will follow shortly.

Class Awards

We have a class mascot (Woolly the Sheep) to give out each week to a child who has particularly impressed the adults with their effort in school. Woolly comes in a bag with a diary for you to fill in with entries (pictures/drawings/a few words if children would like to write) all about the weekend. Please don't worry, there is no pressure for the entry to contain photos, be an essay or look perfect - let your child take charge!

We will also have a 'Golden Child' every week, who will get to sit in the special gold chair! They will receive compliments from the children and adults to take home, as well as being given the Golden Box. The Golden Box goes home to be filled with things that are special to that child. This could be pictures of family and friends, a favourite book or a small toy (we will endeavour to take great care of items in the box, but we do ask that nothing too valuable or precious is brought into school).

The children get to talk to the class about both the Golden Box and Woolly on their return to school on Mondays; it is a great way for them to share and practise their speaking skills. Every child in the class will have an opportunity to take Woolly and the Golden Box home at some point throughout the year.



Class Dojo

This year the school will be using the Class Dojo app to communicate with parents with regards to behaviour. By downloading this free app, you will be notified when your child is given house points and it will say what it is for. Parents will be sent an invitation shortly via email or text message to join the class. Please note, teachers **will not** be responding to any messages sent on Class Dojo, so please continue to contact the school office for messages and enquiries.

Keeping you updated

I will be on the gate every morning from 8:45 - 9:00 and in the afternoon from 3:15 and am always available for a quick chat if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively you can email or phone the school office to make an appointment to meet with me at a mutually convenient time.

Just one Norfolk

A reminder that justonenorfolk contains a wide range of information and support for families ranging from healthy eating, creating sleep routines, child development, family support, family break up and emotional needs to name but a few. <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>



We really hope your child enjoys their time in Sheep Class! Please do get in touch with any queries.

With best wishes

Sara Walter
Class Teacher

Sheep Class Curriculum Map - Autumn 1 2022

English / Phonics

We will be using our story based phonics scheme, 'Story Time Phonics'. The children will have lots of opportunities for reading, writing/mark making and drama this half term. Reception children will be working on recognising and writing their name. Year 1 children will be working on writing capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their sentences. They will all be writing labels, captions and sentences about themselves.

Mathematics

Year 1 & 2 will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction. Reception will be learning to recognise numbers, representing numbers in different ways and one to one counting. We will embed maths throughout our continuous provision and seek to build number confidence and fluency in our play.

Communication and Language

During this settling in time, we will be supporting children to develop relationships with the children and adults in class. We will work on developing children's confidence in speaking in front of others, listening and taking turns in conversations. Children will be encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings using full sentences. Providing a rich vocabulary will be a key priority.

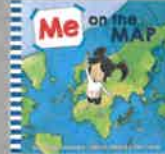
Physical Education

Sheep class will be having PE on a Friday afternoon. This half term we will focus on throwing and catching skills, hitting a ball with a bat and basic striking, sending and receiving. Children will also have lots of opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills every day during a range of different activities, for example using scissors and a range of different tools in playdough. In addition, we will be learning how to use large outdoor equipment safely.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be supporting your child to settle in and learn the new daily routine. We will be supporting the children to access the resources inside and outside independently. We will be having lots of discussions about ourselves, our likes and dislikes and what similarities and differences we have. We will talk about our feelings and how we can express our feelings safely.

Story Focus:



Music / Expressive Arts and Design

Sheep class will be using untuned percussion instruments to focus on the musical element of pulse / beat through the genre of old school hip hop!

Key vocab: Pulse/beat, rhythm, Hip hop, performance.

Science / understanding the world

Sheep class will be learning about the different parts of the human body and exploring our 5 senses. Our hands-on investigations will include blindfold taste-tests, sense walks, research using books and ICT, to name just a few! We will also be looking at Autumnal seasonal changes. Key vocab: Sight, taste, touch, hearing, smell, sound waves, vibrations, pupil, light, messages, brain, taste buds, plus various body parts.

History / understanding the World

We will be exploring the question: How have I changed? Children will be introduced to the concept of a timeline, and use it to track their development from 'When I was little.' Key vocab: then, now, past, present, timeline.

Religious Education

Children will explore the question: What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief? They will look at elements of Christian, Hindu and Jewish faiths. Key vocab: Belief, sense, worship, philosophy.

Art

Sheep will be investigating and drawing spirals, and then learning how to do continuous line drawings of natural objects. Key vocab: Spiral, motion, continuous, observation.

Computing / understanding the World

Children will begin to learn how to use technology safely and how to keep personal information private. They will begin to use technology purposefully to create content. Key vocab: Login, password, safe, personal information, private.

Geography / understanding the World

We will be introduced to the idea of geography on a small scale - our classroom and our school grounds! Children will be exploring, mapping and learning what a key is. Key vocab: Key, plan, map, aerial.