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**Farmer Time**

I am writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity that I have organised for the children in Reception, called 'Farmer Time'. Through an initiative co-ordinated by LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming), Farmer Time is designed to 'bring the countryside to life' for children. For EYFS, in particular, this will enable us to cover lots of aspects of the specific area of learning 'Understanding the World', where we aim to guide children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology, and the environment.

We have just found out that we have been matched with Farmer Alice, who has a rare breed and commercial sheep farm in Devon; she also has access to beef and dairy cows on her parent's farm, as well as goats and bees, so there will be a huge amount for us to learn and discover over the course of the year. Please note: the programme intentionally pairs schools with a farm a distance away for safeguarding purposes.

The idea is that we will try to link up virtually with our farmer roughly once a month, so that we can find out about the farm and animals over the year. In order to do this, we will need to use a digital video platform (most likely Google Meet) to facilitate the video calls. I will always be present with the children on the calls with the farmer; however, I do require permission from yourselves to allow the children to be in view on the video calls. If you do not wish your child to be seen on the calls, I will arrange for them to be sat out of camera view and will ensure they don't personally ask any questions of the farmer. Please could you therefore complete the form below and return to me asap, or by latest Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, to allow me to arrange our first 'Farmer Time' call prior to the end of term.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to come and see me or email me.

Kind regards,

Tracey Elliott  
EYFS Phase Leader

Child's name: .....

I give permission for my child to be in view and ask questions on the Farmer Time calls.	
I <b>do not</b> give permission for my child to be in view and ask questions on the Farmer Time calls	

Signed: ..... (Parent / Carer)

