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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity that will be part of our upcoming Science Week! As part of our focus on food, farming, and where our food comes from, we will be hosting live sheep in school, kindly arranged through the Food & Farming Discovery Trust in association with the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association.

During the week of 16th- 20th of March a ewe and her lamb(s) will be visiting our school site for a whole week as part of the *Learn About Livestock* educational experience. This initiative gives children the chance to be involved in caring for the animals and provides a unique, first-hand insight into farming, animal care, and how livestock contribute to the food we eat every day.

The *Learn About Livestock* project is an established educational programme that has brought this memorable, hands-on experience into schools across Norfolk for over five years. Everything needed to care for the sheep — including shelter, food, and expert support — is provided by the organisers, along with risk assessments and veterinary guidance, ensuring a safe and enriching experience for the children.

This is such a wonderful chance for our pupils to explore Norfolk's agricultural heritage and make important connections between farming, animal welfare, and the food we enjoy. Many children have limited opportunities to see farm animals up close; having the sheep in school allows them to *feel, touch, hear, and observe* the animals in a structured and supervised way, supporting both curiosity and learning across science, geography, and personal development.

We believe this visit will create lasting memories and deepen students' understanding of the natural world and where our food comes from. We will also be integrating this experience into classroom learning and will share updates and photos throughout the week.

If you have any questions about this activity, please contact your child's class teacher. Thank you for your ongoing support — we're sure the children will gain so much from this enriching experience!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Angel

