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Notes For EYFS Teachers

The Wonders of Wool
#WoollyWednesday



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Introduction

The aim of this session is to enable students to understand:

- Where wool comes from and why sheep grow wool;
- Why wool is wonderful;
- Useful information about sheep;
- Some fun facts about sheep

You could use the PP as a stand-alone resource and session or use it as a basis for further activities.

For further classroom resources, inspiration, and information on using food, farming and the countryside within education:

- [Manufacturing | Wool Products | British Wool](#)
- <https://leafuk.org/education/leaf-education>
- [Home | Countryside Classroom](#)
- www.whyfarmingmatters.co.uk
- www.foodafactoflife.org.uk
- <https://leafuk.org/farmertime/home>
- Contact your local LEAF Regional Education Consultant (education@leafuk.org) and organise for your pupils to experience fruit and vegetable farming themselves by visiting a local farm.

Introduction The introductory slide informs children of the day's topic, wool.

Wonderful Wool: Where does it come from? Prompt children to think about sheep, their coats and what we get from their coats. This section also informs children of other animals that grow wool. Explain that wool is grown by sheep, goats (cashmere and mohair), llamas, camels and angora rabbits. It protects the animals from the harsh weather in winter. It keeps them warm and also helps to keep them dry just like our coats do. Explain that just like we would be too hot in summer in a thick coat, the sheep also get too hot. That's why we shear the sheep. There is a short clip of shearing embedded in the video and lastly, a link to a YouTube video which demonstrates the problem if sheep are not shorn.



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Wool: What makes it so wonderful? This part of the presentation provides children with information on the benefits of using wool as a material.

Sheep Trivia The next slide has a series of answers. Students need to guess the question asked.

Sheep: Fun Facts This section simply provides some 'fun facts' for students about sheep and their place as domesticated animals through history.

Additional Activities

If you just want a bit of fun, give the sheep dog game a go!

<https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/resources/1196>

