



## Wrens' Class Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

Welcome back Wrens! We hope you all had a great Christmas break and Happy New Year!

### Curriculum News

This year we will have a topic for each term, Autumn, Spring and Summer. However, the children will continue to break down each topic every half term and have an individual homework task every half term as normal (this will be sent home each half term with a completion date). Our new Science topics for our Spring term are 'Plants' and 'Everyday Materials' with Mrs Negus. We also have a history topic, 'The Great Fire of London'. Second half of the term in Geography, we will be looking at where we can go on 'Safari- looking at a contrasting country study, Africa.'

In **English** we will be continuing this year with our 'Write Stuff' topics in which the children will be covering two writing styles and contexts each half term. The first two will be **The Great Fire of London- diary** and **Strange - poetry**. For the second half term, our units will be, **On Safari - travel journal** and **The way back home - Narrative**. During the Spring term, the children will be developing their writing skills through each topic and style of writing. We will have a strong focus on structuring sentences and exploring a variety of vocabulary. The children will also use their phonics skills and apply their knowledge of their sounds to their writing. We will also be continuing with **Monster Phonics** and sounds and books will be sent home with the children each week to reinforce the sounds and words they are learning in school. **The children will also be having a new Guided Reading group.**

In **Maths**, Year 1s are going to be learning about place value ( numbers up to 20) in the first half of the term whilst Year 2 will be finding out about multiplication. Year 2s will then move onto division. After half term, Year 1s will work on addition and subtraction as well as looking at numbers up to 50 whilst Year 2s will be adding and subtracting 2 -digit numbers. In **measure**, the children will be investigating length and height. During the second half term we will look at **fractions** and **statistics** where the children will be exploring tally charts and bar graphs to record and evaluate data.

### P.E. and Forest School

For this term, PE is on **Wednesdays** with Mrs Goymour and Mrs Driver for all Wrens. This half term they will look at **dance** and next half term will be **ball skills**.

**Tuesday Forest School** sessions will continue with Mrs Stanley. The children will learn about the great outdoors and get hands-on experience in a natural setting. For the **first half term**, Year 2s will be going out for lessons. **Year 1s will then be taking part in the second half of the term.** We have all-in-one suits for wet weather and will go out 'whatever the weather'!





### As the cold weather continues...

Please provide your child with a waterproof coat and named wellies so we can continue to enjoy outdoor areas without getting too soggy! Please continue to send your child in with a named water bottle which they can access/refill in class throughout the day as needed. Please also make sure your child has spare clothing if they require it in their bags, including socks. **Please label everything!**



### Homework

The number one best thing you can do for your child at home is to spend some time each day listening to them read. **Please do try to make this part of your daily routine- it will make a real difference!** Please fill in their reading record books with a little comment, so we know how they're getting on.

Our homework project for the first half of term will be coming home soon.

### We are here to help...

There can be times in a child's life when personal circumstances may affect his/her learning or behaviour in school. Please be reassured that if the need arises, you may contact us on our teaching days. The best way to do this is via Class Dojo. We are looking forward to continuing our learning journey together!

*Mrs Negus, Miss Humphreys, Mrs Driver and Mrs Clarke*

