



Wrens' Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 2024

Welcome back Wrens! We hope you all had a great Summer break!
We are really looking forward to all working together, with your children at the heart of all we do.

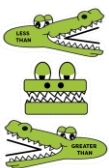
Mrs Negus will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Humphreys teaches Thursday and Friday. Mrs Driver will support the class every day and Mrs Clarke will help throughout the week also.

Curriculum News

The children will have either a history or geography topic for each term (Autumn, Spring and Summer). Our first geography topic will be **'The Arctic- surviving in a frozen world'**. After half term, we will have a history topic, finding out all about **'Explorers'** including Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. The children will have an individual homework task every half term, linked to their topic. Our first science topic will be all about the **'Animal Kingdom'** and, after half term, uses of **'Everyday Materials'**. We love to share anything the children have found out, or worked on at home, linked to our topics. Miss Humphreys tends to do 'Show and Tell' time on a Thursday/Friday. More information about this to follow. The children will also have computing, art, music, PSHE and RE lessons.

In **English**, the children will be covering two writing styles and contexts each term, working on a 'Write Stuff' topic alongside focused grammar lessons. The first will be **The Song of the Sea**. After half term, we have **'A Trip to the Woods'**. 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 have **Monster Phonics** every morning and sounds and books from the children's guided reading sessions will be sent home with the children each week to reinforce the sounds and words they are learning in school. The children will also bring home individual reading books, which you are welcome to come in and change as and when.

In **Maths**, both year groups will start by exploring **place value** and **shape**. Year 1s are going to be learning about place value in numbers up to 10, comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to, and counting forwards and backwards. Year 2 will learn to represent numbers up to 100, order and compare numbers up to 100 and count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. In shape, the children will be revisiting the shapes they already know and be developing their knowledge and understanding of their properties and extending their mathematical vocabulary in regards to shape. We will also look at lines of symmetry and explore drawing our own shapes. During the second half term we will be looking at **addition and subtraction**.



P.E. and Forest School

For this term, PE is on **Wednesdays** with Mrs Goymour and Mrs Driver for all Wrens. Please make sure the children have a PE kit school and a water bottle. The first half term will be **Team Building** and the second half will be **Gymnastics**.

Forest School sessions will continue to take place on **Friday mornings** with Karina. Please make sure your child always has the appropriate clothes, including wellies, sent in on a Friday for their Forest School lesson. The first half term will be Year 2 children and the second half term will be Year 1s.



As Autumn weather approaches

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 do name 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 makes a real difference! Please fill in their reading record books with a little comment, so we know how they're getting on. Your child will also read twice a week in guiding reading sessions with Mrs Driver and be listened to individually each week by Mrs Negus or Miss Humphreys. Years 2s will be given Times Table Rockstars accounts. Our homework project for the first half of term will be linked to our topic 'The Arctic'. More information to follow.

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. **Mrs Negus will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Miss Humphreys on Thursdays and Fridays.** (We work closely together and are in touch throughout the week, but may not respond on our non-teaching days.) We have an exciting year ahead Wrens!

Mrs Negus, Miss Humphreys and Mrs Driver

