



## Wrens' Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 2023

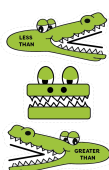
Welcome back Wrens! We hope you all had a great Summer break!

### 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 **topic** for our Autumn term is '**Seasonal changes**' where the children will be learning about the weather in science and geography with Mrs Negus. We also have a history topic, '**Changes in Living Memory**' which will be exploring the **history of food, schools, toys and technology** from 1950-1979 to begin with.

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 Train Ride** and **Toys of the Past**. For the second half term, our units will be **The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark** and **Fireworks Poetry**. During the Autumn 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.

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 Year 1 will compare the **length** and **height** of objects and measure a range of objects using non-standard and then standard units (centimetres). Year 2 will focus on how to measure accurately using centimetres, metres and solve length problems using their knowledge of addition and subtraction. The children will all move on to **adding and subtracting**, using addition and subtraction symbols to write their own number sentences and learning number bonds. We will also apply these skills to **measuring** and solving **measurement problems**.



### 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 **sending and receiving skills** and next half term will be **fitness**.



We are very lucky this year to have **Tuesday Forest School** sessions with our new Forest School teacher, 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 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.



### 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 and will be linked to our history topic.

### 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 have an exciting year ahead, Wrens and we are looking forward to settling our new Year 1 Wrens in and of course the wonderful Mrs Negus who has joined our Wrens team. Thank you!

*Mrs Negus, Miss Humphreys and Mrs Driver*

