

# Wrens' Class Newsletter - Autumn 2022



Welcome back, we hope you all had a good Summer break!

## Curriculum News

Our new **topic** for this half term is Marvellous Me! We will be looking at how we change and develop from when we are babies, using timelines to understand changes over time. We will also create self portraits in the style of Picasso.



Our topic for Autumn 2 is Seasons, where we will explore weather changes across



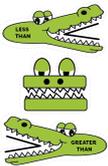
the year and link to plant growth over the year. If you or your child has any related books or toys etc, we would love to be able to share them with the class. If you are happy to lend them to us, please send them in a named bag. Many thanks in advance!

In **Literacy** we will be writing our own traditional tale, using the story of Pinocchio for inspiration. We will also be looking at and writing our own rhyming poems based on 'When I am by Myself' by Eloise Greenfield.



In Autumn 2, we will be writing an information piece about the four seasons, as well as writing a story based on the video 'My Christmas Star' by the BBC.

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, Wrens will 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, solving measurement problems. Also during the second half term in maths we will also be revisiting money and understanding its value and using our addition and subtraction skills to solve money problems.

## P.E. and Forest Schools

For this term, PE is on **Wednesday** for all Wrens where we will look at fundamental skills.

We are very lucky this year to continue having **Tuesday** Forest School sessions with Mrs Negus, where 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.



## Music/PSHE and R.E.

This autumn in music the children will be following a fantastic music scheme called Charanga. This musical software allows the children to explore a variety of musical styles and famous musicians and gives them the opportunities to hear and interpret the music and also sing and play instruments for themselves. In PSHE we will be discussing our emotions and developing strategies with how to best express our emotions in different situations. We will use stories and personal examples to explore our thoughts and feelings. In R.E this term, we will have a visit from a local farmer to discuss harvest time. We will also discuss Diwali and how it is celebrated and of course explore the Christmas story and compare different religions. The main focus we will always have when teaching R.E is that we always respect different people's beliefs and we understand that we all come from different backgrounds, traditions and have different beliefs that we value equally.

## 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.



## Homework



This year, we are starting a brilliant new phonics scheme called 'Monster Phonics'. Each week, we will send out phonics homework containing the sounds we have covered so you can practise these at home.

Once every half term, we will set a homework project based around our topic for you to get stuck into at home. We will have a class exhibition for the children to show off their projects to the rest of the class and other members of the school once they are all finished! Please look out for this on Dojo.

Reading is an incredibly important part of growing children's language skills, spelling and vocabulary, so we recommend reading with your child at least 5 times a week. If you need a new reading record or reading books, please let us know!

## 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 currently is via Class Dojo.

*Miss Sanders, Miss Humphreys and Mrs Driver*

