

Wren Class Newsletter Spring Term 2017

'Happy New Year'. It is good to see the children, so full of energy and excited to learn. Several members of staff have commented about how grown up and settled all of Wren Class are this term. They are a credit to all of you! 😊 They now listen to each other and understand their peer's needs. They know how to treat each other fairly and kindly. I am thrilled! Long may it continue!

Our learning

This term topics will continue to be led by the children's interests. We will be start off learning about our feathered friends. *Have you ever heard of a quetzal?* I have also set up a mixing factory! We are going to focus on how to write sentences including finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Mrs Tilsley will be carrying out scientific activities with the children on a Thursday afternoon. We will focus on 'Our Wonderful World'. This week - 'what is a bird'?

Our mathematics learning will focus on the numbers to 20 and measurements including, shape, money, time, length, weight and

capacity. Please encourage your children to count on or back to find answers to simple problems. I have unlocked further activities on Mathletics.

Friday Dance

If your child enjoys listening to a particular song or piece of music that may be suitable for our Friday dance sessions - we would love to hear it! Let me know what it is and I will try and download at school. If they know some 'moves' too they could teach it to the class.

EYFS Literacy Parent Workshop

I look forward to seeing you at the next workshop on Monday 23rd January. The workshop will run from 1.45 pm to 2.30pm.

Separate letter to follow.

Please note Maths workshops for years 1 - 6 will be on Tuesday 21st February, but **not** for Wren Class.

Tapestry and WOW Vouchers

It is lovely to see children bringing in their WOW vouchers and feeling very proud telling the rest of the class about their special

achievements. Please see attached letter from Tapestry.

International Day - Monday 30th
January 2017 - Wren - USA
(See homework grid)

Reading Diaries/ sound books and Tricky words

Please remember to make a note in your child's Reading Diary. We are gradually learning lots of new tricky words which will be added along with digraphs (two letters one sound e.g. zz and ch).

Please try to practice these as often as you can. I suggest you put all the tricky words on post-its around the house, as this will definitely improve your child's reading skills.

Spellings

At the end of this foundation year it is expected that children can spell some of the tricky words and use them in their writing. Please find a list of tricky words (attached) that I would like your child to learn to spell by half term. There will be a new list after half term. The children need to 'know' how to spell them. (These words cannot be segmented phonetically).

If you have a pencil and notepad or magnetic letters it would be good to write them before tea.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings this term will be on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February. A separate letter will be sent out. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to come and chat to me at any time. If a longer chat is necessary we will arrange a meeting time.

Rhymes and songs

Here are a couple of songs that the children are learning.

I'm a little snowman

Short and fat
Here's my scarf and here's my hat
When I see the snowflakes hear me shout
Get your coat on and come on out.

Let's make a snowman

And let's make him fat
Give him a round face
And put on a hat
A carrot for his nose
And then I suppose
Some buttons down his chest
Oh he really is the best
He's a fat, jolly snowman
A roly poly snowman
We made a snowman today.

Best Wishes Mrs Hornig