



Wren Class Newsletter Spring Term 2 2021



We would like to start our newsletter by saying how proud we are of how the children have been learning at home, the effort parents have put in to delivering our planned lessons and ensuring our daily live lessons are attended has been outstanding. Thank you.

Return to school

We are very much looking forward to seeing all the children back in Wren Class on Monday 8th March. It will be a daunting step for some and exciting for others. Over the coming days and weeks we will focus very much on making sure the children are happy and settled, giving them time to re-ignite positive relationships, develop personal, social and emotional skills and focus on re-establishing routines.

We will continue to be led by the children's interests and will begin to develop learning through stories, in particular traditional tales. We will also be thinking about spring, changes we can see in the environment and then leading into Easter later in the term.

We will re-establish our in-class learning through daily phonics, focusing on reviewing and using our Phase 2 and Phase 3 knowledge and skills; being an author, looking at stories and information writing; and being a mathematician by using our number knowledge to solve problems.

Reading Diaries/ sound books and Tricky words

We really appreciate those parents who listen to their child read regularly, it makes such a difference in their learning. We will continue to change reading books on Tuesdays and Fridays when we see a comment / signature to show the book has been read at home. Please continue to support your child as much as you can with their reading, phonemes and tricky words.

We will review how the children are reading once they are settled back into school and there may be some adjustment to your child's reading level. This will be carefully matched to their phonics ability and following recommendations from the Literacy Hub who we work closely with. We will have a discussion personally with you at an appropriate time.

We will again start our guided reading sessions of 3 times a week, focusing on the same book 3 times to encourage fluency. Firstly we decode, then encourage prosody and finally comprehension.

PE

Our PE lessons this term will be led by our PE coaches from Future Stars and will be on a Thursday afternoon. We do have many PE kits on the children's pegs at school but it may be worth checking their daps still fit as little feet may have grown! If your child has Future Stars Club after school on a Thursday we will keep children in their kits after PE and they will be sent home with their school clothes in their PE bag.

We will be using the field at playtimes and lunchtimes and also for outdoor learning. Please could we ask you to check your child's wellies for size, they are stored on the welly rack just inside Wren Class gate. If they are too small please take them home to recycle.

Water Bottles

Children will need their own water bottle in school every day so they can have a drink in class and take it into the dinner hall so they can have a drink at lunch time. Water bottles should only contain water and should be clearly named.

If you have any concerns or questions please do have a chat before or after school, or get in touch by email or phone. Once again we are so grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to a happy and healthy term in Wren Class.

Many thanks,

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Halstead