



# Wren Class Newsletter

## Term 1, 2023



Welcome everyone to Wren Class and the start of your time at Hawkesbury Primary School. All the children seem very happy and have already settled into the class, establishing routines and making new friends. Thank you for making us very welcome during the home visits. We find this helps a smooth transition into school. It is so lovely to see excited faces looking out for us and being shown those new school shoes!

### **Communication**

Thank you for using our 'correspondence basket' for notices and money. Please make sure all money is in a named envelope or purse. We will have a 'going home arrangements' board in the basket, if your child is being picked up by someone different please could you record this on the board.

### **Phonics**

We use an accredited phonics scheme called 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds' to teach early reading and writing. We begin teaching phonics in the first few weeks of term 1 in Reception and children make rapid progress in their reading journey. Children begin to learn the main sounds heard in the English Language and how they can be represented, as well as learning 'Common Exception' words, these are words that cannot be blended. We will be starting with the phonemes 's, a, t, p' next week, meaning that, even at this early stage, simple words can be formed and books can be introduced. We will explain more about our approach to teaching reading and writing at our phonics information evening.

### **Reading, Writing and Learning in Wren Information Evening – 6pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

You are invited to attend a meeting with the teachers from 6pm to 7pm. Please can you inform the office to let us know if you can attend. At this meeting we will discuss how we are going to teach reading and writing and how you can support at home.

### **Maths**

For our Maths lesson we follow 'White Rose Maths' scheme of learning and we supplement this by teaching 'Mastering Number' alongside it.

Mastering Number teaches the children to secure firm foundations in their number knowledge through a fun and practical way.

### **PE Lessons**

The children will be starting their PE lessons in a couple of weeks, these will be held on a Thursday and will be led by our sports coaches from Future Stars. To begin with the lessons will focus on learning basic PE skills as well as listening skills, social skills and fitness. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school once they are full time.

### **Forest School**

Forest school will take place every Tuesday afternoon. Please can you bring in some named waterproofs that can stay in school, these will be used for Forest School Sessions and very wet play!

Your child will also need a pair of named wellies at school. We do have some spare ones if this is a problem. Please put them on the Wren Class welly rack (just inside our gate) so children can access them at any time.

### **Themes**

The topics that we follow in class are taken from and led by the children's interests. However, we also cover seasonal related themes and important celebrations. These are outlined in our Pinnacle Federation EYFS Curriculum Map along with specific skills children will be taught each term. The Curriculum map is on our Website [Curriculum - Hawkesbury Primary School](#). If your child is particularly interested in something please tell us so we may develop this in our learning. Please look out for some 'WOW' vouchers in your child's book bag, these can be used to inform us about special moments or learning at home. Please let us know if you need any further vouchers.

Well done for making such a smooth start to your child's time at school. We know it is a big change for parents as well as children, so if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to chat to us. If a longer chat is needed we can arrange an appropriate meeting time. We are both in school together on a Wednesday afternoon.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Heirani