



Wren Class Newsletter November 2023



Welcome back to all Wren children and parents. We hope you've had a lovely relaxing Half Term with family and friends. We've been very excited to welcome children back to class this week and looking forward to a fun term in school.

Thank you all for attending your child's first parents evening. It was lovely to see you all, show you some of your child's work and talk about what a great start to school they have all made.

Communication

We will keep using our 'Wren Class Correspondence Basket' and 'Going Home' board for notices each morning and messages about changes in going home. Children continue to have fruit and milk as they did last half term. If your child turns 5 soon please remember to contact milk services if you'd like your child to continue having milk in school.

Curriculum

We continue our Phonics teaching using Unlocking Letters and Sounds and have made a flying start to the year in Wren Class. We have now completed Phase 2 in Phonics and have started Phase 3 this week. Thank you for your continuing support at home with daily sound and Common Exception Word practise. Guided reading takes place three times a week to support decoding, prosody and comprehension, and we will continue to change reading books on Fridays. We encourage you to re-read each book at least three times to promote fluency. Please record in your child's reading diary each time you read, even if this is just a signature. Sharing books will also be changed each Friday and Mrs Journeaux will continue changing Library books every Wednesday.

Maths games will be continued to be changed every Friday, a huge thank you to Mrs Dunk for overseeing this for us.

Please look out for information in your child's book bag this week about supporting maths at home. We would like to invite you to our first Parents

Workshop of the year which will give you the chance to see maths in action in Wren Class. This is being held on **Thursday 30th November at 2.15pm**. Please let us or the school office know if you plan to attend.

Further workshops will be held on:

Tuesday 6th February at 2.15pm

Thursday 21st March at 2.15pm

Tuesday 14th May at 2.15pm

During this term we have a lot of exciting plans for learning which are outlined on our Curriculum Map Jigsaw. It's a great time of year to learn about the celebrations of Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas and children have already been getting hands on making art and crafts related to these topics. We will also soon begin to learn songs and dances for our Nativity Performance which will be held on Tuesday 5th December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 6th December at 9am. Topics and learning for this term, and the whole year, are outlined on our Wren Class EYFS Curriculum Map on the school website - The-Pinnacle-EYFS-curriculum-H.pdf (hawkesburyprimaryschool.co.uk)

Recognition Board and Values Tree

As you may know in Wren Class we have a Recognition Rocket which we use to help celebrate children's achievements. Children are asked to put their faces on the rocket if they show our school rules of **Being Ready, Being Safe** and **Being Respectful**. We also celebrate children for completing certain tasks with us or independently, especially if it's a challenge we have set up or they have instigated themselves. Children are encouraged to practise a range of skills but we also make learning as open ended as possible, allowing children to develop and extend their own interests.

As well as the Recognition Rocket we have a Values Tree in class where we celebrate children who have shown our school values of **Respect, Creativity** and **Perseverance**. Children are given leaves to add to the tree and know ways in which they can show these values in school.

All children love these positive incentives and they have really encouraged Wren children to quickly learn the routines and expectations for school. We are very proud of them all! If you feel your child is showing these skills and values at home please feel free to share your celebration with us in class with a WOW Voucher.

PE and Outside Learning

We will continue to do PE on Thursdays with Future Stars. Please ensure children have their PE kit in school; preferably leave it on their peg for the term. We will also be continuing with our Forest School sessions on Tuesday afternoons, please make sure your child has waterproofs in school and warm layers.

Thank you all for providing a pair of wellies for your child. We continue to use the field at playtimes and lunchtimes as well as for our Forest School sessions. Please make sure to check for size regularly, they are stored on the welly rack just inside Wren Class gate.

As the weather gets colder please ensure children have a good winter coat with them every day (hats and gloves too if very cold). Children go outside no matter the weather at break and lunch times and we continue to have free flow in the classroom throughout the year. Even if children are warm on the way to school, with our door open and changeable weather children can get quite chilly!

Students

For the first two weeks we welcome Miss Amberley Britton and Miss Kitty Patrick into Wren Class; they are first year student teachers from UWE undertaking their Early Reading Placement with us.

We hope the information in this newsletter is useful at this time, but if there is anything else you'd like to know, please do get in touch. Our aim is to help the children feel happy and ready to learn.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Heirani