



Wren Class Newsletter

January 2024



Welcome back to a new term, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a Happy New Year. We are excited to be back and ready to start the new term.

Our Learning

As authors this term we are currently learning about the effects of the changing seasons on the natural environment around us. We will recognise some environments are different to the one where we live, will look at how countries differ and draw information from a simple map. We will be continuing to develop our sentence writing remembering finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Science this term will focus on winter activities and experiments with ice.

Our mathematics learning will follow the themes of Alive in 5, Mass and Capacity, Growing 6, 7, 8 and Length, height and time. We will also be continuing with our Mastering Number sessions. Please encourage your child to be enthusiastic with numbers at home and to play the Maths activities and games we sent home last term whenever you get chance.

Please see the attached Curriculum Jigsaw as an overview of our learning this term.

Thursday PE with Future Stars

Our PE lessons this term will be led by our PE coaches from Future Stars and will

continue to be on a Thursday. We will be focusing on gymnastics. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school, including named daps. It may be worth checking these still fit as we were noticing little feet growing!

EYFS Parent Workshop

We will be holding our second parent workshop for you on Tuesday 6th February. The workshop will run from 2.15pm to 3.00pm. You and your child will be able to choose from a range of activities focusing on Lunar New Year celebrations. A reminder email will follow nearer the time.

Phonics and reading

We really appreciate those parents who listen to their child read regularly, it makes such a difference to their progress in learning. Please could you indicate if you have listened to your child read, even if this is just a signature. We will continue to change both decoding and sharing books every Friday, please make sure both their books are in their bookbags ready for changing on this day. Library books will continue to be changed on Wednesdays, please make sure these are in bookbags on this day.

We are continuing to add new sounds that we have learned each week to the **Phoneme books**. Please encourage your child to blend using the sounds they have

learnt, particularly the Phase 3 digraphs as these can prove tricky to remember.

The **Common Exception Word books** contain words that the children just need to look at and recognise (they are not possible to sound out and blend phonetically).

Please practise the phoneme books and Common Exception Word books as often as you can as this makes such a big difference to their learning in school.

We are holding another phonics information session for parents on Wednesday 10th January at 2.30pm, please could you let the office know if you are able to attend.

Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will be on Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March. A separate letter will be sent out.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to come and chat to us at any time. If a longer chat is necessary, then speak to us and we will arrange a meeting time.

Best Wishes

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Heirani

