

A big welcome to our new children and parents of Wren class. We are so looking forward to getting to know you all in what is always a busy but exciting first term! This newsletter outlines some important information to remember this term as well as the topics and learning that the children will be covering.

### Reading

The most valuable contribution you can make to your child's early education is to read to them and with them at home. Over the first term we will be sharing a wide range of story books with the children and we hope that you will continue to do this at home. From the first day the children will bring two books home with them; one of these is a picture book without words to encourage your child to speak to you about what they see and feel is happening on each page. You can help them by asking questions and offering suggestions about what you see too. The second book will be a story book of their choice for you to read to them. Again, fuel their enthusiasm by asking them questions about how they feel the characters may be feeling or about what they think might happen next.

Through our phonics teaching, your child will develop confidence in blending and segmenting words as well as building up their sound knowledge. As the children are introduced to new sounds, they will begin to bring home books which they can read to you. These reading books will only ever feature sounds that the children have been exposed to at school to enable them to practice with you at home and gain in confidence. We will also send home some 'trick' words as children are taught them at school. These are 'tricky' words which are not phonetically decodable and so need some extra practice!

Please record any reading at home in your child's reading records and ensure that this is packed daily in their book bags. In class we aim to hear Reception children read daily and we will offer feedback in their reading logs.

### English

This term we will be studying 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', 'Ruby's Worry' and 'On Sudden Hill'. The children will explore the texts through various drama techniques such as role play and will be exposed to some new exciting vocabulary. They will begin to sequence the events in their different stories as well as beginning to write initial letters from known phonics.

## Maths

Our Maths topics this term include pattern matching, sorting, comparing quantities and representing the numbers 1,2 and 3. Our Maths lessons are mainly practical and children will have various opportunities to secure their learning through play in our outdoor area.

## Science

This term's Science topic is 'Who am I?' and will give children the opportunity to get to know the human body whilst exploring the five senses.

## Geography

This term our topic is Seasons. Children will observe, discuss and predict the weather as well as learning about the different Seasons. They will take part in a weather report using appropriate language and will look at why the Seasons are different across the world.

## Forest School

Forest School takes place with Miss Law on a Wednesday afternoon in the school grounds and gives children an opportunity to explore the world around them and begin to understand some of the natural processes that take place everyday. Please ensure that children are provided with a suitable change of clothes on a Wednesday, including outdoor footwear and water proofs.

## PE

Wrens take part in two hours of PE a week with Mr Peters. This term PE will be on a Thursday and children will take part in hockey and multi sports. Children will need to come to school dressed in PE kit on a Thursday.

## Art and Design

Mrs Russell will take lead Art and Design on a Friday afternoon this term. Children will be making windmills using axles, washers and levels.

## RE

Our question this term is 'Who do Christians say created the world?' Children will learn about the creation story and will also take part in activities for our Harvest festival.

## Computing

Our computing focuses are Internet Safety and Spreadsheets. Children will learn how to launch a safe search online whilst understanding the dangers that can be posed online. We will also be understanding how to use, read and create spreadsheets.

I hope you and your children settle into school life and have an enjoyable first term with us. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you have after school or you can book an appointment with me through the school office.

Miss Dunn