



## Wren Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 12/10/2015

This week we have been continuing to base our literacy work around the story 'The Little Red Hen.' We have been talking about the idea of Harvest and linking the idea of the hen harvesting the wheat to explore other food items that are harvested and how they are harvested. The children have made bread and used vegetables and fruits from the harvest to explore printing and patterning. We have also talked about how different foods are harvested. We hope you all enjoyed our harvest song in the assembly on Thursday. In Maths we have been focusing on comparing two lengths using direct comparison; using language of shorter and longer than and using uniform non-standard units to measure items up to 10 units long.

This week in phonics we have focused on the sounds p and i. Please help your child to practice writing these letters at home using the letter formation sheet sent out a few weeks ago. Can they tell you the letter name and sound? What things can they think of that begin with these letters? How about a game of I spy? We have also begun to look at blending sounds to read simple words containing these letters e.g. pin, in, tin.

This week we had an Irish theme day on Friday and we spent the day finding out about all things Irish. This will be our last week focusing on the 4 countries of the UK. The children have learnt some simple traditions associated with the country and have a greater understanding of things like the capital cities, the flags, symbols and some geographical features. This week we had a great day making shamrock biscuits, following the leprechauns to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and making paper plate leprechauns.

We are very much looking forward to our day of outdoor learning at The Forest School site next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We will be focusing on autumn and the signs of autumn. Please ensure the children have suitable clothing for the day, waterproof layers if possible and wellington boots would be great! Please

feel free to talk to your child beforehand about some of the signs of autumn that we might spot. Please ensure you have returned your forms.

Please could all children bring an empty cardboard box (no bigger than a shoe box please!) into school for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October as we will be using the boxes to make a home for a hibernating hedgehog!

Next week we will be doing P.E on Thursday as we are at the Forest School on Wednesday, please could you ensure that the children have their P.E kit in school for Thursday.

Finally.. We have had a few children putting their water bottles in their book bags and then the water bottle has leaked inside the bag soaking their books and belongings. Please could you remind your children not to put their bottles in their bag as they do leak and the children get upset when their books and work get spoilt. Thank you

*This Week's Home Learning Challenge: Harvest Festival activities*

*Please continue with the Harvest activities sent out last week.*

## Harvest Home Learning Challenge (Reception)

Make a collage of a scarecrow. You could use old fabric, paper or packaging that you no longer need.

Milk  
eggs  
flour  
Help a grown up to write a shopping list.

Draw a picture of a type of food that grows on a tree, a type of food that grows under the ground and a type of food that grows on top of the soil.

Look at the packets and tins of food in your cupboards, with a grown up. Do you know what is inside each of them? See if you can find out about some of the ingredients together.

Find a recipe that uses flour. You could even try to make it with a grown up and then tell us all about it!

Draw a picture of your favourite meal and label it.

