



Wrens Newsletter - Week Beginning 20/06/2016

This week we have been very excited about going out to see the Queen and the bad weather has not dampened spirits. The children donned Cheapside hats and with their flags waving, gave enthusiastic cheers to the royal party and all who accompanied them, (including the odd stray cyclist tagging on behind). The week concluded with a much anticipated visit to the tea tent for an iced cake and cup of juice.

In class the children have enjoyed being jockeys using hockey sticks transformed into hobby horses. They have written about their experiences seeing the Queen and designed some rather fetching royal underwear after reading 'The Queen's Knickers' by Nicholas Allan.

We have also planted our sunflower seeds and begun our sunflower diaries. We are very excited to see how tall they can grow. We have also looked at and tried to identify other common flowers found in the UK

Next week we are going to design a carriage for the queen! Please could the children bring in a small box to turn into a royal carriage. The box must be smaller than a cereal box, ideally the size of a box of teabags! If you have any sparkly pipe cleaners, shiny paper or anything else at home that you would be happy to contribute towards the project please bring it in too! We will begin the planning stage on Monday so we need your boxes as soon as possible!



Example of a good size box!

This Week's Home Learning Challenge: Counting back

Please could you continue to work on counting back with your child. Start by choosing a number between 10 and 20 and then counting back from that number to 0 or until you say stop. If your child manages this, then challenge them to count back to answer your subtract questions. E.g can you <u>subtract</u> or <u>take away</u> 4 from 17? Ask your child to show you 4 fingers and count back 4 from 17, put 17 in your head and then put a finger down as you count back - so 17 (in my head) ,16,15,14,13. If your child prefers use objects rather than fingers. You could also write down some subtraction sentences for your child to read and solve e.g 18-3=

The attached number line might be a useful resource for your child when counting back.

NB: Next Monday (20th June) is our Sport's Day Carousel. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. On Friday it is the main Sport's Day event to which you are all invited, we look forward to seeing you.

We would also like to remind you of the meeting for parents of Foundation Stage Pupils in which we will be explaining how Year 1 teaching is organised here at Cheapside.

