



## Wrens Newsletter - Week Beginning 27/06/2016

This week we have been reading the story 'The Enormous Watermelon' The story is very similar in structure to The Enormous Turnip. We have worked towards writing our own versions of this story. On Thursday all the children wrote their own enormous vegetable or fruit stories. We were very proud of all the children and they all produced fantastic pieces of writing that really showed how much they have learnt this year and what amazing progress they have made! The children also produced a collage or painting of their giant fruit or vegetable to go with their stories. We are intending to display their stories and collages in class for you all to see! Well done Wrens - we think we have a class of authors!!

In maths we have been doing some problem solving, where the children have needed to design which flowers they would like in their garden. The children were given 2 flowers, a rose and a sunflower and they had to investigate all the different ways they could create a garden of 10 flowers using both roses and sunflowers in different combinations. We worked on recording our ideas in number sentences.

Our study of the sunflowers continues and this week we learnt about the lifecycle of a sunflower. We also talked about trees as plants and went on a walk around school looking at the similarities and differences between the trees. We did this by studying the leaves and realised that the trees were all different even though they were all green!

We hope you all enjoyed the sports day on Monday. We thought the children did really well in their first sports day and it was great to see and hear that they all enjoyed it.

Our transition work into Year 1 continued this week with those children that are moving across to Robins going for the morning. The children based in Wrens class next year also spent a session in the star room working as a Year 1 group. Next week we will be sending all the children to Robins for a Literacy lesson on Tuesday and all the children we will be having a Year 1 maths induction lesson in the star room on Thursday.

**Home learning Challenge: Understanding the World - Making observations of plants.**

This week we would like the children to select a plant and produce an observational drawing of that plant. They could use pencil, crayon, paint, colours, pastel, water colours etc.

We would like the children to see if they could label the parts of the plant and write some observations about it. E.g. they could comment on the colour of the flower, number of leaves, length of stem, colours etc. We would like to make a display of this work in class so please encourage your child to think carefully about this piece of work and really make it a piece of work to be proud of !

Well done to all of you who did the modelling home learning challenge last week - we have seen some fantastic flower models which are on display in the classroom. Keep them coming!

