



Wrens Newsletter - Week Beginning 10/07/2017

This week Mrs Spong has payed another visit to Wrens Class, bringing back the chicks she visited with a few weeks ago. The children were amazed at how much they had all grown and they were not quite so keen to hold the older chicks!! It was a great opportunity to reinforce the learning on animal growth and change and how quickly animals grow. Mrs Spong has also really enjoyed spending some time in class and getting to know the children. We have also had the opportunity to talk to her about your children so that she is ready to take their learning forward when the children come back in September.

In maths we have been investigating doubles and simple addition bonds. Our writing focus this week has been on poetry and towards the end of the week we looked at a poem called 'Picnic Tea' by David Harmer. We then had a go at writing our own whole class version of this poem and the children also wrote their own poem. We have revisited the sounds **ear/air** and **ure** in phonics.

We have enjoyed another Forest School session in the woodland and the feedback from the children about this has been extremely positive and we are very excited about offering this on a regular basis in September.

Included in this newsletter are some suggestions of how to help your child be Year 1 ready! These are just suggestions, but they might help to keep your child's knowledge fresh and in their mind over the summer holidays and we hope you find it useful.

Please could we ask you to return any library books, maths games or any other resources you might have at home so that we can do a stock take over the summer holidays. If you have any letter sound cards that you no longer need or use we would welcome these back as well. We will be collecting all reading books in next week and we will not be sending reading books home over the summer holidays. Please remember to ensure your child brings home their outdoor shoes or wellies and PE kits.

Just a quick reminder that if you would like to download your child's learning journal from Tapestry then the download link will remain active until the 19th July (last day of term) We do have to delete your child's account after this date. Details of what to do were included in the covering letter in your child's report. If for any reason you are unable to do this then we do have a copy of each journal in school and we can make you a personal copy if you can provide us with a memory stick to download the journal onto.

As this is the last newsletter of the academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Thank you for supporting your child with reading, the home learning tasks, posting observations, and encouraging your child to do their best. It has made a real difference. In particular we would like to thank Jacob's Mum who has been coming into school twice a week and supporting your children with 1-1 reading. The children have really enjoyed the 1-1 reading time with her and have made accelerated progress.

We can't quite believe how fast this year has gone but we have enjoyed every moment. Reflecting back on the year we have been amazed by the progress made by each and every child both academically and socially and we are very proud of each and every child. It has been a pleasure and a privilege working with them this year. They have been the most delightful group of children and they are a real credit to you all! They have continued to make us laugh, smile and marvel at their characters! We will certainly miss them all!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer (hopefully the sun will shine) and we look forward to hearing all about it when the children return in September.

With our thanks and best wishes for a great summer,

Mrs Summers, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Birchenough and Mrs Coe

How can I help my child be Year 1 ready?

Over the summer holidays, you can help keep your child's knowledge fresh and their thirst for learning up to date by:

- Keeping up with regular reading practise. Take your child to the library and borrow books over the holidays. The library is running a summer holiday reading scheme and these are great at encouraging your child to read. Remember to keep regularly sharing a book with your child - don't forget to look at poetry and non-fiction books as well.
- Talking about stories - talk about what happens in a story. What happened in the beginning, middle or end? Who were the main characters? Can you think of any stories with similar characters? What was your favourite part? Can you think of a different ending for that story? What would happen if...
- Finding lots of opportunities to encourage independent writing e.g. your shopping list, a postcard to a friend, a phone message, labels, captions, writing simple books and stories.
- Counting practice. Finds lots of opportunities for counting out loud in 1s, and multiples of 10. Remember to count forwards and backwards. Long journeys are great for this one! Start at different numbers.
- Familiarise your child with a 100 square. Work on recognising numbers up to 100. Work on counting to 100, play spot the numbers in between e.g. 60 and 70, talk about patterns on the 100 square, make up simple bingo games, find the number that is 1 more, 1 less than etc. You could cut up a 100 square and make a jigsaw out of it, can they put it back together again?
- Work on 'counting on' and 'counting back' by putting a number in your head and counting on or back from that number to 10 and then 20. How many did you need to count on or back?

- Working on quick fire mental maths skills, can your child recall the number bonds to 10? E.g. what do I add to 7 to get to 10? Doubles to double 10 1+1, 2+2, 3+3 etc. Help your child to learn these.
- Make up simple addition and subtraction stories e.g. there were 4 mermaids in the sea and 1 more came along, how many are there in the sea now? Encourage your child to work out the answer and talk through how they did it. Can they make up their own addition or subtraction story for you to solve?

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Below are some useful websites that your child might like to visit. We have used them in school and the games and activities might be familiar.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk,

www.maths-games.org,

www.myonlinereading.com,

www.topmarks.co.uk



