



Wren Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 10/10/2016

This week we have been building our learning opportunities around the book 'Aliens love Underpants.' Across the school we have been focusing on adding some creativity to our maths teaching. To this end all maths teaching across the school this week has been based upon a book or story. In Wrens and Robins we have been using Aliens love Underpants and we have had a fantastic week.

During the week our maths objectives have included building models with 2D and 3D shapes. The children have amazed us with their creativity and imagination with rocket making out of junk material. We have also looked at making repeating patterns with shapes on pants! Towards the end of the week we used cut out aliens and googly eyes to solve simple problems e.g. 2 aliens were playing at the park, they each had 4 eyes, how many eyes altogether? The children were encouraged to use practical resources to solve the problems and then to record using drawings and numbers. We used this activity to introduce and encourage some of the vocabulary of addition. On Friday afternoon we took the learning outside where we looked at positional language. The children took part in a pants treasure hunt, where they were given a photo of a location on the school field which they had to find and then report back as to where the pants were hidden in that area!

We have been having a go at alien word building. We used the letters s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d and put them together to make CVC words. We have begun to introduce blending the sounds to read the words. We made real and alien or nonsense words! The children really enjoyed this activity.

In other areas of the curriculum we have made alien models using dough and made our own flying saucers with aliens which we made after singing the number rhyme '5 little men in a flying saucer' We also talked about planet Earth being the planet we live on. Some of the children really enjoyed looking at globes and finding different countries.

Home Learning

Next week we have our Harvest Festival assembly at the church. We will be singing a very simple harvest song sung to the tune of 'The Farmer's in his Den'

In order to give your child the confidence to perform in front of an audience we would like to encourage you to help your child to learn and practice the song at home. We have attached the words below.

THE FARMER PLANTS HIS SEED

The farmer plants his seed,
The farmer plants his seed,
Hi-ho, the dairy-o, the farmer plants his seed.

The rain begins to fall,
The rain begins to fall,
Hi-ho, the dairy-o, the rain begins to fall.

The sun begins to shine,
The sun begins to shine,
Hi-ho, the dairy-o, the sun begins to shine.

The wind begins to blow,
The wind begins to blow,
Hi-ho, the dairy-o, the wind begins to blow.

The food begins to grow,
The food begins to grow,
Hi-ho, the dairy-o, the food begins to grow.

Year 1 spellings for next week.

Please learn the spelling of the following tricky words and the following sounds

her, our, your, here

f, l, s, z and k sounds that come straight after a single vowel so are spelt

ff, ll, ss, zz, and ck (double consonants) e.g. pull, mitt, duck, mess, kick, huff, puf

Show and tell

Lots of the children are bringing in toys and objects from home for show and tell. Whilst we are delighted that the children want to participate in this activity and are developing the confidence and skills to speak to an audience, we have decided to structure this time a little more. Starting next week we will be sending home an empty decorated box with 2 children. Those 2 children will then be asked to put something in the box to show and talk about to the class. We are calling the session 'What's in the box?' We will rotate the boxes through the children and we ask that children **only** bring in toys or objects when it is their turn for 'What's in the box?' and not at any other time. Thank you for your support with this.

Outdoor Learning

We are trying to build in half a day of outdoor learning a week. We will be spending that half day outside on our school field and playground and making use of the outdoor environment. We will be having our outdoor learning session on a Thursday or Friday, depending on the weather. Please could you ensure that the children have a pair of wellington boots in school and a coat for those days in particular, so that all children are able to take part? Thank you.

Plastic bags

Now that supermarkets are charging for plastic bags we have a real shortage of plastic bags in school which we use for all sorts of things. If you have any spare plastic bags at home please could you send them into school so we can make use of them?

Would you like to help out in Wren's Class?

You may remember that we mentioned at the beginning of the year about helping out in class. We would really welcome any help or support you could offer us in class and would really encourage you to sort out your DBS check with the school office so that you can come in and help if this is something you are interested in doing. If you would like more details on helping out and what it might involve then please feel free to pop in and have a chat.

