



## Wren Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 22/05/2017

We have had a very busy week, full of new exciting experiences!

Our Forest School visit to The Marist was a great day and the children really enjoyed spending the day learning outdoors. I am sure they told you all about the exciting activities they enjoyed! Toasting marshmallows was a highlight! It was a great learning experience and we hope to be offering forest school sessions at Cheapside once the work in the woodland has been finished. Back at school on Thursday the children used the photos taken on the visit to make their own memory books of the day.

On Thursday we also had a visit from a travelling theatre group who delivered a storytelling show entitled 'SUDDENLY' The children really enjoyed the show.

This week we have read the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. We have been retelling the story using puppets and masks. The children have enjoyed colour mixing to create pictures of the various fruits and animals in the story.

Towards the end of the week we had a session tasting some of the fruits from the story. We made African surprise fruit sticks and we worked on extending the vocabulary we could use to describe the look, taste, smell and texture of the different fruits. We also spent some time looking at the seeds in the fruit.

This week also provided a good opportunity to talk about healthy eating. The children have had a go at sorting foods into those that are healthy and those that are not.

In phonics we have been reinforcing the 'ar' sound and going over the phase 3 tricky words.

In maths we have been looking at sharing and halving using the fruits from the story.

Finally... we have sent the children home with their beans which we have been growing in school. The children have also taken home their bean diaries which they have begun. We would really like the children to continue these diaries, adding an entry once a week for the next 3 weeks, and then returning the diaries to school to share with us all. By this time, we are hoping the plant may

have started to produce a flower or even a bean! The bean plant will need planting outdoors once it outgrows the pot. We look forward to finding out how the children get on!

We hope you all have an enjoyable half-term holiday and the weather stays warm and sunny! Just a quick reminder that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day so we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.