



Wren Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 27/03/2017

This week we have been learning all about Easter and how this Christian Festival is marked. The children have made Easter Cards, gifts and various other Easter creations. We have been using the week to work 1-1 with your child to carry out some maths and phonic assessments.

Home Learning

As your child is now entering their final term in the Foundation Stage we have decided to change how and what we set for home learning. Attached to this newsletter is a home learning grid. On the grid there are some home learning challenges for each of the seven areas of learning. They are colour coded with the red challenges being easier and the green challenges being more difficult. We would like every child to complete at **least 6 challenges** of their choice. We would like you to upload their challenge work onto their tapestry page. You can add photos, videos or comments of their work. It does not matter which challenge you choose but if you would like some guidance then start by selecting 1 challenge from each area of learning. The grid will run from now until the May half term holiday so you have plenty of time. Just before the May half term break we will have a celebration of home learning challenges and certificates for those children who have managed to complete the challenge. We hope you will enjoy the grid, and we would be interested in your feedback. **Please note that this will replace the weekly home learning challenge.**

We are still looking for some support with reading in Wrens. We are looking for any Parents or Grand Parents that would like to come into school once a week and hear readers. We would really like to give the children opportunities to read 1-1 with different adults. It is a lovely experience and we are sure you would enjoy it. Please come and speak to us if you are interested.

After Easter our new topic will be 'Plant and Animal Magic'.

Finally... we wish you all a very happy, sunny and enjoyable Easter Break.

Early Years Foundation Stage - Home Learning Grid for Summer
Term 1 2017.

Expressive Arts	Produce a piece of art work of your choice.	Draw, paint or collage a spring picture.	Design and make an imaginary plant - you could use any materials that you like! Could you design and make a seed packet for your plant as well?
Understanding the World	Draw and label a flower or plant	Go on a spring walk and take some pictures of some spring flowers that you find. Write a caption.	Investigate what happens if you try to grow some cress seeds in the dark and some cress seeds in the light. Show what you found out
Mathematics	Make a repeating pattern using natural materials e.g. twigs, petals, grass etc	Find some objects around your house (up to 20) count them and write a simple number label. Now practice counting on and back from that number.	Investigate all the different ways of making 10 e.g. (9+1) record in number sentences.
English	Read a story with an adult and draw a picture of your favourite part. Write a caption for your picture.	Plant some cress seeds, take some pictures of it as it grows and write a caption for your photos.	Plant some cress seed and write a set of instructions for planting it.
Physical Development	Try eating the fruit, root or leaf of a plant that you have not tried before. Take a picture of you trying it. Write a caption telling us what you thought of it.	Write a list of fruits or vegetables.	With an adult make a fruit or vegetable salad - write the recipe for it.
Communication and Language	Listen to a story and talk about what might happen.	Retell your favourite story to an adult and video yourself doing it!	Draw a story map and use it to tell your story.
Personal and Social	Help Mummy or Daddy to do a job around the house.		Try a piece of home learning that you think will be tricky for you and persevere with it.