



Wrens Newsletter - Week Beginning 30/01/2017

This week the children have been really busy preparing for the class assembly which we had on Wednesday. We were really proud of all the children and thought they did brilliantly for their first assembly! If you managed to stay and see it, then we hope you enjoyed it.

This week we have been looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have read the story, used small world figures to retell the story and we have had a go at sequencing the story using pictures. We have also had great fun writing a recipe for Wolf soup where we have been encouraging the children to apply their phonic knowledge to sound out words to write a list of ingredients they would like in their Wolf soup!

In phonics we have introduced 3 new sounds - the **long oo sound** (as in moon), the **short oo sound** (as in book) and **oa** (as in boat).

A few parents have mentioned that they are finding it tricky to pronounce some of these new sounds and support their children with learning how to say these sounds. There is a great child friendly website which you can visit with your child. It contains hundreds of video clips showing you and your child how to pronounce the sounds. If you search for the sounds we have covered in class that week it should help you. The videos all contain Geraldine the giraffe!

To access the videos log onto Mrthorne.com The home page should look like this:



Click on videos and then select **By phase** and then **Phase 3**. You are then able to scroll down and find the videos to match the sounds we have taught. This week look for short oo and long oo and oa. The children really like the videos so it is well worth taking a look at the videos as it will help your child to remember

the sounds. You can also get *Mr Thorne does phonics :letters and sounds for ipads* by going to the apps store.

Please come and see us if you have any problems and we hope it helps!

In maths we have been doing a simple maths investigation, in essence the problem was presented like this:

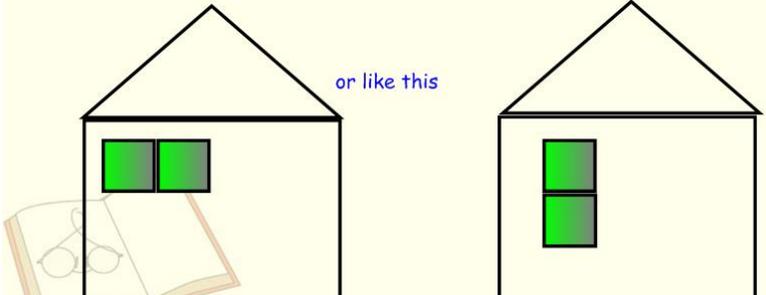
The Three Little Pigs have moved to a new town and are busy building new houses.

The new town has a new rule:
The pigs can only build 1 room for each person living in the house. The rooms must be connected.

So a house for 2 pigs would have 2 rooms!
It might look like this



or like this



The children then went on to investigate how the rooms could be arranged if there were 4, 5 or even 6 pigs living in the house. The children really enjoyed this activity but found it tricky. Feel free to have a go at this at home.

We had a great afternoon on Thursday when we decided to investigate a range of everyday materials to see which would be the best material to build a new house for a little pig. The children had a go at using sticks, lolly sticks, art straws, card, lego, marshmallows, plastic straws and even sugar cubes (no eating was allowed!!) to build some very creative houses! We then tested their strength by trying to blow them down using a miniature fan. There are some great photos making their way onto your child's learning journal on tapestry.

The Three Little Pigs

Home Learning Challenge

After The Three Little Pigs had got rid of the Big Bad Wolf, they enjoyed living together in the brick house. However, after a while they decided it was too small for all of them and they needed to build a new house. Draw a picture of a new house that you have designed for The Three Little Pigs. Label it to show why it is perfect for them.

Can you think how The Three Little Pigs in the story are different to real pigs?



Tell a grown-up the story of The Three Little Pigs. Remember to use different voices for the characters. You could even act it out together!



The third Little Pig bought 10 bricks but he only used 8 of the bricks. How many bricks did he have left? Use your fingers or draw a picture to help you work out the answer.

Build a model of a house that you think would stay standing when the Big Bad Wolf huffed and puffed. You could try blowing it with a hairdryer to test it out.



Write down 5 words that rhyme with pig.



