



Wrens Newsletter - Week Beginning 6/02/2017

This week the children have been learning about different homes around the world. We have been focusing on the materials that houses have been made from and the shapes we can see in the houses. We have been doing some work on labelling and labelling the different parts of a house. In maths we have been using 2D and 3D shapes to build different houses, talking about shape names and simple properties.

In phonics we have introduced 2 new sounds - the **ar** sound (as in car), and the **or** sound (as in thorn).

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 **ar** and **or**. 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!


Have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all after half term.

Winter Home Learning Challenge




Draw a picture of someone dressed for a cold winter day and then label the clothes they are wearing to keep them warm and dry.

On winter mornings, the ground often looks white with frost. Ask a grown up to help you investigate the frost and find out what it is and where it comes from.



Sammy squirrel hid 3 nuts for the winter. He has already eaten 2 of them. How many nuts has he got left? You could draw a picture or use your fingers to help you work out the answer.

Some animals live in cold places around the world. Draw a picture of an animal that lives in a cold place and find out a fact to share with the class about your animal.



Design a scarf. You could draw it, paint it or even use other materials to make a collage.

Go on a winter walk with a grown up and look around to see the things that have changed since the summer.