



Wren Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 01/10/2018.

This week we have begun some phonics teaching and we have been focusing on the sounds s,a,t and p. We have been working on recognising the letter name and sound. Please help your child to practice writing these letters at home using the letter formation rhyme sheet which can be found on the Wren Class website page. Can they tell you the letter name and sound? What things can they think of that begin with these letters? How about a game of I spy?

To support your child at home there is a great child friendly Youtube channel which you can visit with your child. It contains 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. Most of the videos contain Geraldine the giraffe and we have used Geraldine the giraffe puppet in school during our phonics lessons and the children really like her. The channel is called,

Mr Thorne Does Phonics Alphabet Series

To access the videos log onto:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqh11DN6jmbCsIPschffPaxvCdS9d6qPN>

or google Mr Thorne Does Phonics

We are teaching Phase 2 letters and sounds. You are able to scroll down and find the videos to match the sounds we have taught. The children really like the videos so it is well worth taking a look as it will help your child to remember the sounds.

The children have also started practising writing s and a using a pencil, using fingers in sand and on whiteboards.

Our text of the week was the story 'Stick Man'. Most of the children knew this story and were able to join in the rhymes and repeated phrases. The children completed some lovely work making their own stick family pictures and drawing a picture of what object their own Stick Man would be.

It was National Poetry Day on Thursday and Wren Class joined the rest of the school in learning a poem. We decided to learn 'Sing a Rainbow' and learnt all the Makaton signs too. You will be able to view the children singing this on Tapestry shortly.

During Maths we have continued to practise counting, ordering and recognising numbers.

The children enjoyed Forest School and PE on Wednesday with Mrs Summers. Regular updates and photographs of forest school can be found on the website on the forest school page. There are some lovely photos of the children making letters outdoors and making stick friends, so please take a look!

We also started our RE lessons this week and talked about our families and the different activities families do together as well as what is special about our friends and that everybody has a special quality.

The children have loved making models out of the junk modelling materials but we have now run out! Please could you bring in any small boxes or other items that the children can use to make models. Thank you!

Finally, don't forget the phonics and reading meeting on Monday 8th October at 6pm.