



Wren Class Newsletter – Week Beginning 19/11/2018.

This week we have been reading the story 'Percy the Park Keeper – The Treasure Hunt.' The children have enjoyed playing in Percy's 'hut' in the outdoor area and using equipment such as a wheelbarrow, sweeping brush and tool kit to keep the 'park' in good working order. In literacy the children designed their own treasure hunt map and tried to label it using the phonic sounds that they have learnt so far.

During Maths this week we have been practising what is one more than a given number, adding numbers together, writing number sentences and exploring how many ways we can make 5. For the next two weeks we will be looking at one less than a given number and subtraction.

We have started to decorate our classroom with Christmas decorations and we are busy making decorations that will be displayed in the school ready for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December. During Art this week the children made lots of different types of paper baubles. They experimented with paint by rolling paint covered marbles, layered tissue paper, used festive material to make collages and carefully placed glitter onto intricate patterns. The classroom is beginning to look very festive.

We are busy practising the songs for our Christmas play and we will now begin to rehearse the dance sequences, speaking parts and stage management! The Christmas production will be held on **MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER and will start at 2PM. Please arrive from 145pm ready to start at 2pm.** The play is expected to last approximately 20 minutes (but anything can happen!) Once the play has finished the children are welcome to go home with their parents or carers if they wish to. They may need to get changed first.

During our phonics lessons this week we have revisited the sounds that we have learnt so far and practised listening to and saying initial sounds in CVC words. We have been practising writing sentences containing tricky words. Please continue to practise these letters and words using the resources recommended in the children's reading packs.

Could I also remind you that all children need to bring in their reading packs and reading record books every day. We are practising reading sounds, tricky words and CVC words whenever we can during the day and are starting to give reading books to those children that can blend CVC words. If your child does have a book, please can they bring them in daily so that we can read with them and they can change their books when they are ready. We recommend no more than twice a week. If you would like to volunteer to read with the children, we would love to see you!

If your child has been given a book, we will be putting reading books in the outdoor area on a MONDAY and THURSDAY morning for you to help choose a new book for your child. Please make sure they choose the correct colour book.

We will start to send home words and phrases for you to practise reading with your child if they do not have a book.

Please take a look at the Forest School page on the website to see what they have been up to this week!

PLEASE COULD THE CHILDREN COLLECT SOME LEAVES OVER THE WEEKEND AND BRING THEM INTO SCHOOL ON MONDAY. They are going to be making leaf creatures and writing about them.

Last request! We are collecting items to make a box of sensory and motivational small toys/books. If you have the following items and no longer require them, please could you pass them onto us. Thank you!

- Small wind-up toys
- Small stretchy toys
- Small squashy or squeeze toys
- Small interactive toys
- Small toys that you press and then spring up
- Interactive books e.g. feely books, musical books, lift the flap books

Have a good weekend!

The Wren Class Team.