



## **Wren Class Newsletter – Week Beginning 26/11/2018.**

This week we have been reading the story 'Leaf Man' and the journey that he takes when he gets blown away in the wind. The children enjoyed making a leaf man or animal out of the leaves that they collected and we were so proud of their attempts at writing words and sentences to describe their pictures. The children are all willing to have a go at writing which is fantastic!

During Maths this week we have been practising what is one less than a given number, subtracting and writing number sentences. The children have found this quite tricky so we will spend more time on this next week.

The children have been busy, again, making Christmas decorations which have been displayed around school. They spent time making bead snowflakes, threading them onto pipe cleaners. We were very impressed with their perseverance and the snowflakes look beautiful.

We have been practising the Christmas play and have our dress rehearsal on Thursday in front of the school. **Please could we have all requested costumes in a named plastic bag by Wednesday morning.** A letter was sent home to all children explaining what role they had in the play and any costumes they need to bring in from home.

The Christmas production will be held on **MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 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!

A reminder from the school office. If any child needs to be taken out of school for appointments or other reasons, please could you let the office staff know in advance so that they can complete the necessary paperwork that is required. If possible, at least 10 days in advance. Many thanks.

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

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Fair and enjoy the rest of your weekend!

The Wren Class Team.