



Wren Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 02/11/2020.

We have had a very busy week this week! We started the week off by writing a postcard of what we had done over the half term holidays. The children were asked to complete this activity independently so that we can track their progress in writing. They were asked to draw a picture, write their name and have a go at writing letters or simple words. We will do this activity after every school holiday. For the next two weeks we are reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and during our literacy lesson this week we learnt all about bears and designed a bear fact poster.

Unfortunately, the children didn't make it into the Forest this week due to school photos taking place and the need to keep the children clean and tidy for their photo! Mrs Summers taught the children all about Remembrance Day and the children made some lovely poppies made from sticks and wool. Next week the children will be going on their own bear hunt!

In our phonics lessons this week we have been learning about the letter 'm', 'd' and 'g'. The children have practised making the 'pure' sound for these letters and thinking of objects that begin with each sound. We have practised writing the letters in cursive letter formation and watched 'Geraldine the Giraffe' on Youtube. In our Friday phonics lesson, we had a go at blending letters together. We used 'robot' talk to sound out each word and the children had to see if they could find the matching picture and letters to spell the word. We also practised reading and writing high frequency words 'is', 'it', 'in' and 'at'.

We started our formal maths lessons this week and the children enjoyed completing maths activities and adult directed 'must do' tasks. We are following the White Rose Maths Mastery scheme of learning which you can have a look at for free on their website. We are looking at a number per week and have started with number 1. We cover lots of areas involving 1, including one more/less, 1p and using 1p's to use in a shop, O'Clock, using a ten frame, numicon, shapes with 1 side - circle, etc. The children especially enjoy it as they get to watch Numberblocks as part of their learning!

In our art lessons, we also learnt about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate bonfire night and about the artist Kandinsky. The children made some beautiful scratch art firework pictures (good for fine motor skills!) and some lovely 'concentric circle' pictures inspired by Kandinsky!

I have added some handwriting and phonics homework onto our class page under 'handwriting and phonics' if any of the children would like to practise.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Best Wishes from Wrens Team!

Reminders:

Please could you arrive at the allocated Wren Class time, which is 08:50 unless your child has a sibling in Year 5 or 6 when they can arrive at 08:40. This is to help prevent the mixing of 'bubbles' on the drive. Please walk your child through the main gate and onto the playground where I will be waiting to greet them. I can collect any lunch orders and messages from you and the children can independently walk down the steps to the classroom. Please follow the blue arrows to exit the school via the main gate.

Please can children bring their book bags, water bottles and coats into school. We have our classroom doors open all year round so please could the children wear appropriate school uniform if the weather is cold and additional vests, etc. to keep them warm.