



Wren Class Newsletter Term 1



English

EYFS

In EYFS, we will be focusing on listening and retelling stories. This will also include the start of their written work in line with their phonics scheme.

KS1

This term, KS1 are going to focus on recapping the writing, reading and spelling skills from their previous year. This will include looking at the use of correct letter formation, finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and spellings of harder to read and write words.

We will be using the following books/topics in our writing lessons:

- Grandma Bird
- The Storm Whale
- Our history topic
- The Sound Collector Poem

EYFS and Year 1 will also have a daily phonics session.

Maths

EYFS

Sorting, ordering and comparing objects.

Exploring the numbers 1-5.

Circles and triangles.

Year 1

Number and Place Value to 20

Geometry: Properties of Shape

Addition and Subtraction

Number and Place Value to 100

Year 2

Number and Place Value

Geometry: Properties of Shape

Addition and Subtraction: Addition

Science

This term, all children in Wren class will be looking at the topic 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning about how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy by understanding our feelings, our food choices, staying active and know the importance of safety equipment such as helmets. As part of this unit of learning, children will take part in an experiment to create their own helmet for Mr Eggmund who fell off his bike!



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History

This term we will all be learning about which childhood might have been like for our grandparents. We will be comparing childhood today with childhood in the 1950s-1960s. The children will look at how toys, homes, shops and schools have changed over time.

For this topic, in the first week of term, we will be asking grandparents (if able) to complete a questionnaire that the children will have written to help us with our learning!

RE

EYFS

This term, children will explore the concept of belonging. We will look at how people belong in different groups - religious and non-religious.

This term we are learning about what it is like to be part of a Muslim community in Britain. Children will explore how Muslim families live within the local and wider community and compare these with their own experience.

Design and Technology

This term, all of Wren Class will be making their own hand puppets with Mrs Buse! We will start the unit by investigating puppets and their properties before designing and making our own. They will learning basic joining techniques, practice cutting skills and explore how puppets can be used to tell stories. At the end of our topic, we will use peer feedback to evaluate our puppets and tell each other stories!

Music

Our music topic this term is called, 'My Favourite Things: Keeping a Pulse'. The children will explore the idea of pulse, the steady beat in music, through chants and songs. They will learn to feel, copy and keep a beat using their body and percussion instruments.



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RSHE

This term, our topic is 'Me and My Relationships'. We will focus on how we should behave in the class, our feelings and other people's feelings as well as what makes a good friend. Mrs Buse will be leading this topic.

PE

This term we will have PE on a Thursday and a Friday afternoon. On a Thursday, we will be taught by Miss Herbert who is from School Games and Kingshill School. On a Friday, we will have our Up and Under coach who will also run an optional after school club.

Computing

All children this term will be learning about the importance of staying safe online and what to do if they ever see something they feel worried about. KS1 will also recap how turning on the computing, safely logging in and safely logging out of the computer and our online computing scheme (Purple Mash).

How to help at home:

- **Reading** - Encourage children to read their school reading book with you daily if possible. Encourage children to listen to a bedtime story to expose them to a range of language.
- **Spelling** - Year 2 will be learning lots of new spellings this year and will be sent home with a worksheet related to the spellings they are learning in class. These will be sent home on a Tuesday to be brought back in on Monday.
- **Phonics** - There are videos on the school website to show you how to pronounce pure letter sounds as well as a section explaining how to blend letters into real words.
- **Maths** - By the end of KS1, children should be confident with their number bonds to 5, 10 and 20.