YEAR R WRENS

Class Teacher: Mrs Woods and Mrs Smith
Learning Support Assistant: Mrs Dinning, Mrs Strudwick

Important diary dates and reminders

Thursday 15th October – *Parents Evening (2pm – 8pm)*
19th Oct – 30th Oct – *Half term*
Monday 2nd November – *Back to school*
Tuesday 3rd November – *Flu Vaccinations*

Notices

PE – After half term our PE day will be moving to a Monday instead of the Weds/Thurs split. Please send your child in wearing their PE kit on this day.

Class Update

This week we have been talking about the different jobs that people have and in particular, we have been focussing on the emergency services and people who help us. The children have loved the role-plays and we've had an abundance of fire fighters and nurses on call.

On Monday, Wrens had a special visit from Rudgwick dental practice, who came in to teach the children how to look after our teeth. The team talked to us about what we can expect when we visit the dentist, which foods are good for our teeth and which ones we should only have occasionally. We also learned how to brush our teeth properly using circular motions. The children had lots of fun practising their brushing skills using special glow foam sticks! To finish off the visit, every child received their own goody bag containing a toothbrush, toothpaste and some bubbles!

Last week we learnt about the difference between fruit and vegetables and the class planned their own soups. This week, we used our plans to collectively make a soup. We made a fruit soup (tomatoes and peppers) and all of the children helped with the chopping 😊 We tried our soup on Friday.

In maths we have been exploring repeating patterns and the children have been creating these in different ways e.g. using autumnal objects like conkers and sticks or using paint by finger printing.

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
u u	umbrella	Open your mouth wide and say u u u	Down and around the umbrella, and back to the ground.
r r	rainbow	Show me your teeth to make a rrrrr sound rrrrr rrrrr	From the cloud to the ground and over the rainbow.
ck ck	sock	Open your mouth into a little smile, make your tongue flat and move it up towards the top of your mouth to say c c c	c Curl around the heel of the sock. k Down the sock, up and back down to the toe. **Catchphrase:** Rock that sock!
e e	elephant	Open your mouth wide and say e e e	Around the elephant's eye and curl down its trunk.

We have been amazed with the progress being made in our phonics lessons and the class have been so enthused to find out what our new sound is each day. It's lovely to see that lots of children are now blending independently. This week we have learnt our first digraph (two letters, one sound) ck and also the single letter sounds e, u and r. Examples of words that you can now make with the flash cards are: Sock, pick, pet, ten, cup, sun, rug, red.
The tricky word we have learnt by sight is: I

We look forward to catching up with you all next week at parents evening.

Mrs Woods and Mrs Smith