

YEAR R WRENS

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Important diary dates and reminders

Monday 7th December – *Nativity Dress Rehearsal*
Tuesday 8th December – *Nativity 2-3pm*
Friday 11th December – *Christmas jumper and lunch day*
Wednesday 16th December – *Theatre Trip*
Thursday 17th December – *Reindeer Run*
Friday 18th December – *End of term (Early finish – 1.15)*

Notices

NATIVITY COSTUMES –

With the nativity fast approaching it's time to organise costumes. This year's Nativity is called 'Rootin Tootin Nativity' – a western-themed spin on the story! Year 2 will take the leading roles and Year 1 and Wrens will have their own special song to perform. For costumes the Wrens will be inn keepers and towns people. The children can have the choice of being an innkeeper or townsperson.

Innkeeper	**Townsperson**	**All children** will also need a cowboy/cowgirl hat
• Plain tunics and could add an apron if would like to be more of a maid/cook. No headdress is needed.	• Dark trousers • Checked shirt • School shoes *or* (if they have them) cowboy boots! • Neckerchief/Bandana	 
 		

Please bring your child's costume in a named carrier bag into school on **FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER**

KIRFs – This half term our KIRF is to recognise quantities up to 5 without counting (subitise). There is more information in the KIRF document on our class page with strategies on how you can practise at home.

Winter Uniform – Children should now be wearing winter uniform.

Curriculum Map – The Autumn 2 Curriculum Map is on our class page and details the learning we will be covering this half term.

Reading books – Now that lots of children are reading books with words in, we wanted to remind you of the system in place for books going home.
Monday: Children will be sent home with a decodable book. The idea is that they read this book multiple times over the week to build fluency and recognition of words, with the aim being that by the end of the week they read it without sounding out and blending. Throughout the week you can also be practicing the flashcards and building words using these.
Friday: The children will take home the book that they have been reading in school to 'show off' their brilliant reading to you. Please make sure these are read over the weekend and returned on Monday.
Sharing books will also go home on Friday and this a book to enjoy together over the weekend ☺
For children that are on wordless books, we are continually assessing the children's ability to blend and as soon as they are confident, they will be moved onto books with texts.

Celebration Assembly - You may be aware that as a school we hold a weekly Friday celebration assembly. Last half term Wrens class did not attend these to allow them time to settle. However, from next week we will start joining in (we will just watch on our first attendance so they can understand the format). Usually, two children are nominated from each class to receive a certificate for their hard work and parents are invited to attend. Starting from the 20th November parents/ carers will be invited to the assembly if their child is chosen to receive a certificate. We will let you know in advance so that you can make arrangements with work if needed, but please do let us know if you're unable to attend as we can always hand it out the following week.

This week we have also started house points. In a few weeks they should remember which house they are in but do check with us if you aren't sure and we can let you know. Younger siblings will be in the same house as siblings in the school. We have also started our 'Good to be Green' behaviour system properly in the classroom now that the children are settled.

Class Update



We hope you all had a lovely half term break. This half term we will be finding out about the many different celebrations and events that fall in the next two months. This week we have been celebrating bonfire night and why the 5th of November is a significant date. As a class, we created a firework art and the children have been putting on their own firework displays!



We have also celebrated Diwali, a religious event which is also known as the festival of light. Wrens have been creating rangoli designs, dressing up for

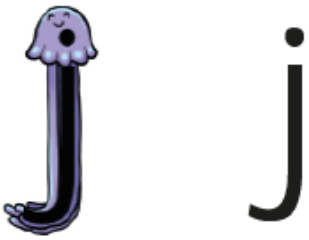
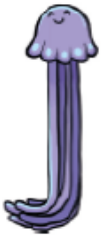
the occasion, listening and dancing to Diwali music and have even made diyas out of clay. We also had the opportunity to have a Diwali dance workshop on Thursday which was fantastic. The Wrens were expressive and enthusiastic whilst we danced out the story of Rama and Sita.







In phonics we have learnt the diagraphs ss, ll and ff and how these graphemes are often found at the end of a word e.g. hill, kiss, puff. We have also learnt the new phoneme 'j'. Wrens have been exposed to the tricky words put, full and pull. Please note that this half term the children are introduced to many tricky words each week so it's really important to go through these regularly at home to help your child retain these. The children must learn these by sight and shouldn't be trying to sound out tricky words.

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
	 Jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth use your tongue as you say j j j	Down the jellyfish and dot its head.

In maths we have been learning all about the number 2, making the Numberblock and practicing number formation.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Woods and Mrs Smith