



YEAR R WRENS

Class Teacher: Mrs Woods

Learning Support Assistant: Mr Miles

Important diary dates and reminders

Monday 13th November – Odd Sock Day

Wednesday 15th November – Diwali Dance Day – all children to come in PE kits

Thursday 7th December – deadline for bringing in pre-loved Christmas jumpers (poster attached)

Thursday 7th December – *Wrens theatre trip*

Saturday 9th December – *Grayswood School Christmas Fair*

Notices

KIRFs – Next half term is to recognise quantities up to 5 without counting (subitise)

Reading books – Now that some children are reading books with words in, I 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 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, I am continually assessing the children's ability to blend and as soon as they are confident, they will be moved onto books with texts. We are working on their oral blending to support word reading.

Odd Socks – In support of Anti-Bullying week, children are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday.

Junk Modelling – If you have any cardboard tubes, small plastic tubs, small boxes ready to be recycled we'd appreciate them for our junk modelling area 😊

Class Update

Wrens have had a brilliant week of learning and the class have shown lots of enthusiasm and engagement towards our topic about remembrance this week. We have learnt about the significance of the poppy and who it is that benefits from our donations.











We have used the Cbeebies 'Poppies' clip as our writing stimulus this week. It is a lovely animation that sees war as experienced by animals in a WW1 battlefield. We discussed how characters feelings changed throughout the story and I was very impressed with some of the vocabulary we collected, examples being 'terrified' and 'lonely'. The class then sequenced the story and added some CVC caption writing to their storybooks.



This week we have learnt the phonemes v, w, x and y, be careful with the pronunciation of the 'w' and 'y' as often children add the 'uh' sound to the end. Please see the video: Phase 2 sounds Autumn 2 if you're unsure. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We have also been learning lots of tricky words and recognising these by sight as they are not/ not yet decodable using phonics. They have been added to the sounds folder to be practiced at home.

	V		Put your teen against your bottom lip and make a buzzing vvvvv vvvvv	Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top.
	W		Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say w w w	Down and up and down and up the waves.
	X		Mouth open, then push the cs/x sound through as you close your mouth cs cs (x x x)	From the top, across the box to the bottom. From the top again across the box to the bottom.
	Y		Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth, say y without opening your mouth yyy	Down, around the yo-yo and curl round the string.



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

This year, Wrens will be joining with YR 1&2 for a Christmas Nativity. Year 2 will take the leading roles with Year 1 and Wrens having a few speaking parts. There will also be lots of songs to learn. I'll be in touch shortly about costumes!

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Woods

