

# Mandeville Primary School

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# Wren News

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first ever newsletter just for Wrens!

We hope you've all had a fantastic summer holiday. We would like to welcome Charlie and Ollie to the class. At the start of a new year the children look wonderful in their new uniforms. Please make sure they are clearly named so that we can look after the clothes in the classroom. In Year 2 we have an exciting scheme called Every Child A Counter and some children will be working with Mrs Pascoe to support their Maths throughout the year.

Well done to all the children who found out lots of information about Wrens over the Summer holidays! We have lots of lovely pictures, models and writing to display in the classroom!

Now, some vital information for you:

- PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but PLEASE make sure your children have their PE kits in school everyday, including plimsolls or trainers. No earrings for P.E. please. Don't forget to name your child's P.E. kit.
- Reading books should be brought home every night and will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. There will be a selection of reading comprehension activities that can be completed once your child has finished their book. Children should read with someone at home for at least 10 minutes a day.
- Homework Games for Maths will be given out weekly on Thursdays.
- Library – Once the library is up and running we shall go to the school library to change our books. This is a valuable reading opportunity, so don't forget to return those books every week.
- Spellings to be learned are given out on Friday by the children's phonics groups. They will be tested the following Friday. It is really important that these are learned and practised every day.
- One other piece of homework, (Literacy, Maths or topic) will be given out on Friday and must be back in school by the following Friday. Any homework not handed in will be completed during Golden Time.
- Good attendance is VITAL; every day off is a day's less learning.
- Breakfast Club is open from 7:50am to 8:50am every day (£2.50 per day). A healthy breakfast makes a huge difference to your child's learning.

## In the next few weeks...

In Literacy we will be learning about stories with familiar themes and writing in clear sentences.

### **My Literacy targets are:**

Children are being assessed and their individual targets decided.

In Maths we will be learning about number order and patterns, addition and subtraction and problem solving.

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## Our learning theme for this term is 'Dressing Up'.

Through this unit we will be learning all about clothes and fabrics and relating this to the weather and different cultures.

In Geography we'll be

- Finding out where countries are all over the world
- Discovering what the climate is like all over the world
- Researching what people wear in different countries

In Science and Technology we'll be

- Looking at what clothes are made from
- Investigating which materials are good for keeping us warm
- Weaving with a variety of materials

In Art we'll be

- Looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy
- Planning and designing 'land art' of our own

In History we'll be

- Researching clothes that people wore in the past
- Comparing clothes then and now

In I.C.T. we'll be

- Making patterns and creating designs
- Researching information

We'll also be keeping active through our games and dance in P.E. lessons. In PSHE we'll be starting to learn about 'New Beginnings.' In R.E. we'll be learning about important people and religious leaders.

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The children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking how well your child is doing through particular activities and by asking the children to explain their work.

The interest you take in your child's work makes a real difference to their learning. Please talk about your child's work with them as the term goes on and let them teach you if they can. If your child has some work to research please help them – **but without actually doing it for them!**

In particular you might be able to discuss the different clothes we wear throughout the year and also for special occasions. We would love to see some photos!

Please feel welcome to come and have a look in the classroom whenever you like! If you have any free time and can help in the class we'd love to see you. I am always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!

*Miss Ali*