

# Mandeville Primary School

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## Wren News

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our second newsletter just for the Wrens!

We hope you've all had a great half term holiday. We had a very busy first half term and the children have settled into the Year 2 routine really well. Thank you to all the parents who were able to watch our first class assembly. We are now starting to cast for our next performance which will be the KS1 Christmas production. Watch this space!

Thank you to all of the Wren families for all your support and participation with our school events: We were the second best class to raise the most for the Harvest collection! We worked well as a team and had the most children participate with the NSPCC Buddy Math's challenge in KS1. Well done to all the children who practised their adding and subtracting and managed to be sponsored as well!

On Fridays, we always 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.

Well done to all the children who have been getting 10/10 in the spellings on Fridays. Please remember to encourage your child to practise writing the words in complete sentences so that they are applying the spellings in Literacy lessons.

A reminder that Reading diaries and PE kits should be in school every day.

### In the next few weeks...

#### My Literacy targets

In Literacy we will be learning about instructions, poetry and writing in clear sentences.

#### Writing targets:

To use different sentence starters in my writing: After a while, One Winter morning, During...

To be able to independently write at least half a page of A4.

To extend my sentences by using a connective: and, because, so that.

To confidently say a sentence and write the words by sounding out and using finger spaces.

Individual **Reading targets** are stuck in the children's blue reading diaries

#### My Maths targets

In Maths we will be learning about measuring, number facts, addition & subtraction and problem solving.

To solve addition and subtraction word problems using 2 two digit numbers: adding up prices, calculating change.

To add and subtract a one-digit number or a tens number to any two-digit number: ( $36+20=$ \_\_,  $56 - 30=$ \_\_)

To add and subtract one-digit numbers to two-digit numbers: ( $35+9=$ \_\_,  $43 - 7=$ \_\_,  $58+5=$ \_\_)

To add and subtract a one-digit number to numbers up to 30: ( $30-9=$ \_\_,  $22+8=$ \_\_,  $18-7=$ \_\_)

## Our learning theme for the next few is 'Circus.'

Through this unit we will be learning about geography, art, history, technology, ICT, music, P.E. & international issues. We will be finding out about famous circuses, performers in circuses, animals & the big top.

In Science we'll be investigating

- Forces & Movement

In Art & Technology we'll be

- Looking at the work of artists who have painted pictures of circus life.
- Investigating how to make a tent for a soft toy

In I.C.T. we'll be developing

- Our use of the drawing toolbar in a word processing package

In Music we will

- Exploring famous circus tunes
- Composing and writing down rhythms and tunes that make us think about circus

In Geography we'll be

- Using maps and atlases to find out which different countries circus animals used to come from
- How to draw maps & plans

In History we'll be finding out

- How circuses have changed over the years & about some of the people who have made circuses famous.

We'll also be keeping active through our games and gymnastics in P.E. lessons. In PSHE our theme is 'Getting on & Falling out'. In R.E. we'll be learning about giving and receiving and the importance Christmas.

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 what happens when the circus comes to St Albans/Harpenden and other neighbouring towns and cities. Have you ever visited a circus? What was it like & who was performing there?

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

.....Miss Ali