

AUTUMN 1: PEOPLE WHO HELP US/ALL ABOUT ME!



In Wrens, we have a play-based learning approach. We use Montessori inspired activities to meet children within their interests and support their learning through practical activities.

For our first term in Wrens class, we will be spending some time getting to know each other and also finding out about ourselves during our topic 'All about Me'.

We will be thinking about our feelings, our likes and dislikes and the important things that people should know about us, creating self-portraits in Art and learning to build and write our own names. We will also be discussing people who help us and how we connect to the world around us. Welcoming people in our community for class assemblies.

<u>English</u> As we settle into school, we will be exploring our phonetical understanding with listening games. We will introduce our first sounds as part of our ELS Scheme and reading books will then start to include decodable words from the sounds learnt. When we start Phonics, spelling&sounds books will go home with the sounds we have learnt the week. Children will have opportunities for daily crafting, mark making and writing and we will be focusing on our pencil grip and control playing games and writing in sensory trays.	<u>Maths</u> During Maths we will have an opportunity to explore matching objects, identifying sets and sorting objects by type. We will be reading books that introduce these skills and use different techniques and sorting rules to then compare amounts. With comparisons we will also look at size, mass, capacity and simple patterns. With our Mastering Number approach we will be exploring numbers 1, 2 and 3 in depth. Looking at how to subitise, represent and find one more and one less. We will dive deeper into numbers with the prompts: build it, say it, draw it, write it.
<u>Topic</u> As part of our Topic, we will be thinking about our families and ourselves. We will have opportunities for family members to come and read to us at the end of the day, if you are interested please get in touch. As we experience the changes during the autumn season we will enjoy welly walks around the school visiting the local park and woodland. Please follow announcements on ClassDojo for further events and opportunities to get involved in our class community.	<u>Unhomework</u> 11 September : - 3 things about me (fill paper bag provided) 25 September : - This is my family (bring in a family photo for me to copy in our Friday art piece) 9 October : - What is my Super power? (this could be represented in any way you want: a picture, a drawing, a project) 22 October : - SUPER HERO PARTY (dress up as your favourite Super hero for school)

How you can help at home:

Maths: exposure to numbers when you're out and about and practise counting forwards and representing the numbers by building them and drawing amounts - "can you draw 3 apples?"

Writing: Fine motor games like loom bands, and threading to strengthen early writing, building hand muscles and improving pencil grip. Have a go at using the mnemonics to make the sounds.

Reading: Playing initial sound games like I spy - games

Picture books - letting your child's imagination take flight with them telling you what they see and perceive. Reading with them encourages love and comfort in sharing a book.