

Class Wren Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4 Class Wren! I can't wait to teach your children in September and get to know them. We have 6 exciting themes lined up for next year with some great WOW moments and enriching experiences.

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | Term 5 | Term 6 |
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| Fallen Fields | Road Trip USA | Potions | 1066 | Blue Abyss | Misty Mountains |
| All about World War 1 | All about America | All about witches, spells and potions | All about the Battle of Hastings | All about oceans, animals and plastic pollution | All about Mountains |

Fallen Fields

This term, the whole of Brinsley Primary School will be learning about World War 1 as this year marks 100 years since the end of the war. Year 4 will be focusing on life in the trenches and how soldiers were recruited. We will write across a range of different genres and use technology to perform our writing. During this term, our core non-core topics will involve mainly History, timelines & research, and Design and Technology, how machinery works & food in the trenches. We'll also use a range of materials to create our own 3D trench from a shoebox! In addition, we will explore war time music and express ourselves through art. We will always remember the fallen.

Winter is Coming!

We all know how unpredictable British weather can be! Please ensure that your child brings a coat everyday to school with their name inside. I would advise that children keep their hats, scarfs and gloves inside their school bags to prevent them getting lost in the cloakrooms.

Shoeboxes needed!

We would like to bring into school shoeboxes so that your children can build their own 3D Trench. We would like to showcase these at Brinsley Parish council for you and members of the community to see (More details to follow). This will be occupied by their trench writing.

Please can you bring shoeboxes into school week beginning Monday 3rd October.

RE and British Values

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism. This term Mrs Taylor will be teaching RE during Miss Croft's busy time! The children will also be focussing on Responsibility and Tolerance as apart of their Brinsley Values. They will be talking about what these words mean and how it links to society.

Year 4 Homework, Spellings & Home Reading

Maths homework: I would like children to continue to have their own homework folder following on from what they had in Year 3. I know from speaking to some of you, you preferred paper copies of homework. There will be a weekly cycle of maths homework consisting of one piece of Maths homework which will consolidate or challenge learning in the classroom. This will be handed in on a Monday and then returned to your child on the same day.

Reading at Home : Children will be able to access Bug Club based on their individual book bands to answer comprehension questions at home. At the end of KS2, children ultimately answer comprehension questions as part of their SATs assessment. Therefore, it is important that we expose children to different questions within different genres of writing. On the other hand, reading for enjoyment and pleasure is something I am passion about. A love for reading is equally as important. Please encourage your children to record in their own reading log when they have read at home with an adult, independently or on Bug Club. Mrs Taylor will stamp books every Monday.

Cornerstones Topic Homework: New homework will be given out shortly for this topic, with a list of exciting things to do at home. Children can bring their homework into school to share with the class and receive a well done dot and certificate.

Spellings: Spellings will be tested every Friday. These spellings link to the Year 3/ 4 spelling rules and common exception words. These rules will be taught within grammar sessions on Fridays. Some children will have their own spelling group with Mrs Taylor to target spelling gaps.

Optional English Homework: Writing and Grammar are key areas within the English curriculum. If you would like one piece of weekly English homework sending home too in their homework folder, please contact Miss Croft.

Arriving to School and Leaving School

Children will arrive to school at 8:40-8:45 by themselves. Mrs Taylor will be on the class door every morning if you need to pass on any messages to Miss Croft or other members of staff in the Old School Building. Children will leave school with Miss Croft around the back gate first and then move around to the main playground. If you need to speak to Miss Croft, please arrange an appointment in the office as I may not always be available after school.

Six Weeks Holiday Challenge

It was lovely to meet so many parents and children at the Meet and Greet Meeting in July. On the handout, there was a section about things your child could try and do in the Summer Holidays. If you managed to complete any and have pictures to show, please bring them into school to show and tell or email them to the office. We will try to find time for show and tell at the end of the day but this isn't always possible.

PE and Swimming

There will be no more swimming this term. Swimming will resume again in February for children who did not achieve level 4(25metres) in Year 4. If your children achieved Level 4, they will remain at school to take part in a PE lesson.

Our PE day will take place on Friday Afternoon with the Miss Croft. Year 4 will have a session with the Sports Coach next term. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school at all times. Earrings should be removed at home or a letter obtained from the office if ears are newly pierced.

Science

In Science, we will look at **SOUND**. We will explore sound vibrations, how sound is carried to our ears and conduct lots of experiments. Please see our Science board in the classroom!

Water Bottles

Children need to bring their water bottle into the classroom daily which can be used anytime except at lunchtime. Children can keep water bottles at their desks as long it is used appropriately.

Diary Dates

06.09.18 First Day Back
11.09.18 Power up Theatre in school
19.09.18 Vegetable Competition
24.09.18 – 28.09.18 Recycling Week
27.09.18 Sponsored Walk + Film Night
02.10.18 Time Travelling day at St James Church
11.10.18 WW1 In school Workshop (WOW Moment)
25.10.18 Halloween Disco
26.10.18 Inset Day
29.10-18 – 2.11.18 HALF TERM
07.11.18 Parents Evening
08.11.18 Parents Evening
12.11.18 -16.11.18 Anti-Bullying Week
12.11.18 Year 4 Road Trip USA Trip to Mansfield Museum (WOW Moment)
22.11.18 Film Night

Reporting Concerns

If your child has worries at home that you are concerned about, please arrange an appointment to speak to Miss Croft and Mrs Taylor. It is important that you check with us first about concerns as we see and interact with the whole class every day and may know more about a situation.

Children have disagreements from time to time and how to deal with conflicts in the playground is one of our main goals in Year 4. It is important for children to tell adults that are outside so that it can be dealt with immediately. Miss Croft and Mrs Taylor will log all incidents that happen within the classroom to ensure behaviour is being monitored.

If children have issues or worries at break or lunch time, that they feel hasn't been sorted out or feel they need to tell Miss Croft and Mrs Taylor, then children can write their name on a post it note. This means that an adult will speak to them at some point throughout the day to solve or reflect on what has happened. Miss Croft used this system with her previous class which has been highly received and ensures problems are dealt with before the end of the day.

Miss Croft
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