



## *Wren's Newsletter.* This terms focus is: **Africa**

### A Challenge!!

Every half term we like to set you a homework challenge for you to work on with your children. As this half term's theme is Africa, we would you to make any one of Africa's many famous landmarks. You can do this in lots of ways including: 3D models, drawings, drawing on the computer or any other way you can think of. The projects are due in on Monday 17<sup>nd</sup> October and will be shown in the sharing assembly on Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup>  
I hope you have fun making them and I am looking forward to seeing the results!



Date for your Diary:

20/9/16

2.45pm-3.15pm: Tapestry meeting in Wren's (showing you how to access your child's online learning journey).

## Wren's News

### The theme this term is Africa

*I would like to take this opportunity to say welcome to Wren's Class! This term we have lots of exciting things planned to introduce your child to their new school life.*

#### *Communication, language and literacy.*

This term we will be learning a new sound each day, the children will learn songs and actions to go with each one. We will be looking at mark making and basic writing, about Africa, to encourage every child to have a go at picking up a pen. During this half term the children will be working on their listening and speaking skills, our aim is to make all children confident communicators.

*To help your child at home- to help with your children's development you could work through the sound sheets provided, practise letter formation and share books together.*

#### **Mathematics**

This term in maths we will be working on recognising, writing and counting with numbers. The children will also be focusing on different 2D and 3D shapes as well as working on simple calculations.

*To help your child at home, play lots of games, such as bingo, snap and snakes and ladders. Children love playing these games and they have great educational value.*

#### **Understanding the world.**

This term the children will be looking the landscape and sights of Africa they will be making and trying their own African cuisine. They will also be taking part in lots of different investigations into how things work. In R.E we will be looking at why the word God is so important to Christians.

#### **Expressive Arts and Design.**

This term, the children will be producing artwork inspired by Africa. They will be using bold colours, creating beautiful patterns, making and designing their own animal maquettes, dying fabric, making masks, making Zulu shields and creating pieces of work out of clay. In music the children will be learning an African song over the course of half term. They will then be learning to put musical instruments to the song.

#### **Physical Development.**

On Monday morning we will have P.E. This will be taking place both outdoors and inside. Children will need warm outdoor PE clothes and trainers (not plimsolls) as these sessions will take place in all but the wettest or coldest weather. On Wednesday mornings we will begin using the big apparatus in the hall. This activity will be indoors, so shorts and t-shirts will be fine for this activity.

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development.**

This term is all about making your child happy and secure in their environment. The children will explore their new surroundings. They will create their own classroom rules and learn about the schools routines. The main focus will be on the children settling in to their new environment.

*Your children's happiness and overall development in this school is very important to all of us. We will endeavour to provide your child with a high quality and suitable education helping and encouraging them in any area they need to develop. It is important for home and school to work together as a team to ensure that your child gets the best first*

*experiences at school. If there are any worries please feel free to speak to me at any point, don't let a small worry become a big problem.*