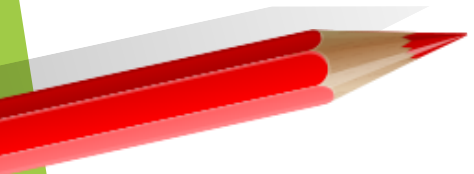


Welcome to Wren Park Primary School

Foundation Stage

The Wrens Nest

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Exciting News

New Classrooms and Sports Facilities! We are thrilled to share that we have now secured a commitment from the Council for a fantastic new development at school – a block of four new classrooms and a multi-use games area (MUGA)! Planning is beginning shortly and we'll keep you updated on progress as things move forward.

Recognition for Personal Development Excellence

Wren Park has been awarded the Excellence in Personal Development Award. This celebrates the amazing efforts of our children, staff and wider community in promoting positive attitudes, behaviour, and providing opportunities for our pupils to grow as individuals and make a positive impact on others. We are so proud! Please rest assured that we are always looking to improve and build upon success and so this award is not the “end of our work” but more of a boost towards providing the very best opportunities for personal development.



Settling In

We want your child to settle in easily and to feel part of the school family. We would also like them to feel free from worry in their new surroundings.

The following suggestions may help with this settling in period and enable your child to feel comfortable, safe and happy at school.

Please encourage your child to:

- Play and share with other children
- Go to the toilet independently
- Put on and fasten their own coat
- Dress and undress independently
- Eat with a knife and fork
- Use a range of table manners
- Tidy up toys and games

To help the day run smoothly

- Please use a book bag to carry home reading books, flash cards, letters etc. Please DO NOT send in another bag – this is not necessary.
- Please label all school uniform
- Please arrive on time; however there is no need to be at school before 8.50am. Try to always be punctual at the end of the day too. Children worry if you are not.
- Please send your child's reading book and diary into school every day as timetables can and do change regularly.
- We will ask your child to be dressed ready for PE on their PE day. This consists of black shorts/joggers/leggings, school yellow polo t-shirts and school jumper or cardigan. Trainers can also be worn on that day.

What do we do all day?

During a day in 'The Wren's Nest' the children will experience an array of activities for them to enjoy and excel in. Here are some of the activities that your child will join in with during their time in 'The Wren's Nest'.

- Reading
- Creativity
- Solving problems
- Writing
- Making friends
- Construction
- Role play
- Investigating
- Exploring the outdoors

Areas of Learning and Development

There are seven areas of learning and development within our Early Years provision and the opportunities and experiences the children gain.

Three areas are particularly crucial to ignite children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

These prime areas are;

1. Communication and Language
2. Physical Development
- 3 Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

The four other specific areas through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied are;

1. Literacy
2. Maths
3. Understanding the World
4. Expressive Arts and Design



How can you help?

- ▶ Reading and sharing books together-
- ▶ Find a quiet time and quiet place to sit comfortably together.
- ▶ Look at a book together- talk about the author, illustrator, front cover, and pictures.
- ▶ Listen to what your child has to say and encourage them to guess what might happen next.
- ▶ Read the book aloud to and with your child.
- ▶ Listen to your child read and always be encouraging and positive.
- ▶ Make your child aware of print around them- street names, buses, road signs, food packets etc.

Writing



- ▶ Let your child enjoy making marks and creating pictures as often as possible with a wide variety of equipment.

Use:

- ▶ thick crayons and large sheets of paper
- ▶ Felt tip pens
- ▶ Paint
- ▶ Chalk
- ▶ Cutting pictures from magazines and around shapes
- ▶ Tracing pictures, letters, shapes and words
- ▶ Writing patterns- going from left to write.
- ▶ Help your child to write their own name and the names of their family members. Always start with a capital letter and then lower-case letters to follow. (Not all children will be ready to write but playing with pencils, paints, crayons and mark making is an important and valuable activity for the children to do and enjoy)

Early Number Skills



Encourage your child to take part in sorting, matching and comparing activities.

Sorting

- ▶ Put all the spoons together
- ▶ Put all red buttons in a box
- ▶ Sort the apples, oranges and bananas in the bowl

Matching



- ▶ Put a cup on each saucer
- ▶ Give each toy a biscuit
- ▶ Match the buttons to button holes

Comparing

- ▶ Rough/smooth
- ▶ Tall/short
- ▶ Heavy/light
- ▶ Big/small
- ▶ Thick/thin

Early Number Skills

Counting

Always make counting meaningful, count to 5, then 10, then 20 by;

- Picking up and touching items
- Putting items into a bag or box
- Singing number rhymes
- Helping with shopping

Games

Play games to help the children to learn to take turns and share using counters and dice.

Shapes

Look for circles, triangles, squares and rectangles in the environment. Count the number of sides and corners shapes have.

How else can you help?

- ▶ Say 'Nursery Rhymes' together.
- ▶ Play games using rhyming words.
- ▶ Read stories together
- ▶ Join the local library
- ▶ Play lotto games and pair games
- ▶ Complete jigsaws
- ▶ Draw pictures and talk about them
- ▶ Use the outdoor environment as much as possible

Snacks and Drinks

Please send in a named, filled water bottle for your child drink throughout the day. At morning break children are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit provided by school. A healthy home snack can be brought in for your child to enjoy during afternoon playtime. Please ensure this is nut free.

Important Electronic Devices

As your child begins their exciting journey into school, it's important to be mindful of screen time during these early years. Research shows that excessive screen use can affect young children's attention span, sleep quality, and social development.

While educational content can be beneficial in moderation, it's crucial to balance screen time with hands-on play, physical activity, and face-to-face interaction, which are vital for healthy brain development.

Setting consistent boundaries now can support your child's learning, focus, and emotional well-being as they transition into the school environment.

Wren Park School uniform

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- ▶ Green Jumper / Cardigan
- ▶ Yellow polo t-shirt
- ▶ Grey or black trousers/skirt/dresses/shorts
- ▶ Yellow or green summer dresses
- ▶ Black or Grey tights

It is not compulsory for the school uniform to have the Wren Park School logo, so uniform may also be purchased from mainstream supermarkets and shops.

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Finally

As parents you are the first people to teach your children. Please keep talking to your child and encouraging them to talk about everything that interests them. Encourage them to observe and ask questions.

In Foundation Stage we aim to build on your work and work alongside you when it comes to your child's development. The aim is to make learning fun and enjoyable so that they come to school each day happy and eager to learn.

We are really looking forward to you joining us at Wren Park.

Miss Young and Mrs Melia