



Aim High, Fly High

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and your child is raring to go in this short and exciting term! I wanted to say thank you for all the wonderful gifts I received at the end of last term. It was a very kind gesture which was warmly received, many of them in my belly!

As always, we have an exciting Spring term ahead of us with our Art and Europe topics. In addition, this term's science topics will be: *Animals including humans and Electricity*. More information about the learning we will be doing can be found on the accompanying curriculum grid. As a school, we will be having a History week in January, focusing on punishment in school and how it has changed over time; a wellbeing day with a yoga teacher visiting; winter sports day; and science days.

This term Cambridge United PE lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday every week with Mr Joseph. Our second PE session will be on a Wednesday with Miss Barron.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor P.E. kit for the weather (school PE T-shirt with logo or plain white T-shirt, shorts or jogging trousers, sweatshirt and suitable trainers for outside activities). Please also be aware that, for health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for P.E. Children will not change for PE sessions in school and so should continue to wear their kit to school on PE days. Children will also run the daily mile each day and will have an outdoor learning session every week, for which they will need a coat if necessary but no additional clothing.

Children are welcome to bring in a healthy fruit or vegetable snack during morning playtime. We ask children to bring a named bottle of water to drink during the day which will be returned for washing every evening. Lunches will continue being eaten in the hall every day alongside one other class. Children may also bring a small pencil case including felt pens and a glue stick.

Home learning in Year 4 is a mixture of compulsory and optional activities. Each week, children will be expected to use Times Tables Rockstars, Multiplication Tables Check and Spelling Shed to practise key skills in these areas and they will be assessed on their progress in spelling each Monday. The Multiplication Tables Check can be found online and is a similar layout to the Times tables Test that your child will complete at the end of the Summer Term.

Your child should also continue to read regularly at home and complete a weekly challenge from our Guided Reading learning challenge grid.

In addition, a grid of home learning activities will be provided. In Year 4, this grid home learning **is optional** and children are encouraged to choose the activities they would like to complete. The activities are a mixture of English and Maths tasks

alongside topic-based learning. These tasks should also be sent back completed in home learning books please.

We will be sending a P.E. bag home. Each week a child from the class will have a chance to take a bag with P.E. equipment home. There will also be a book inside with a checklist of items, suggestions for games to play at home and some space for pictures to be stuck in. Please feel free to add games you have played so others can enjoy your creative time as well. I hope you do not feel pressure with this bag. Do as much or as little as you wish. There is also a space for suggestions. I will be happy to hear feedback. If you could return the bag on a Monday then I can ensure it is passed onto the next person. If any equipment is lost or breaks then please inform me so I am aware.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's time in Wrens please do make an appointment via the school office. These meetings can be on the phone, virtually or in person. Quick notices can be passed to me via the school office or by leaving a message with the member of staff on gate duty. Please note that our class email addresses are no longer in use and all emails should be addressed for the school office.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your child and to an exciting year ahead!

Best wishes,  
Miss Barron  
Wrens class teacher