

## Wagtails Class Curriculum News: Autumn Term 2 2018-2019

### Welcome back to Wagtails Class

I am delighted to inform you that after their first half term at school the Reception children are coping extremely well with the routine of school life and Year 1 continue to rise to the expectations of being the oldest in the class. Well Done Wagtails!

In order for school and home to work as a team and give your child the best start possible, attached on the mind map is some information about the areas we intend to cover this term and below are some reminders for day to day life in Wagtails.

The children in Wagtails learn through play. The activities set out in the classroom and in the outside area encourage a range of key skills which reflect taught sessions during carpet times. The children can then take part in child led or adult supported activities and choose to learn inside or outside.

Our first whole school theme this year is **Remember, Remember**; in Wagtail Class with the help of the story of **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge** we shall be reflecting on the children's own memories and beginning to understand the meaning of symbols, in particular the Remembrance Day poppy. We will be exploring and discovering the reasons behind Remembrance Day and how the event is marked around the world and of course learning about Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November!

The children are asked what they would like to learn and a lot of the activities are based around what they would like to find out. This encourages their love of learning and curiosity.

### A Week in Wagtails

**Monday- Cooking.** Please ensure Cooking payments for the new term are up-to-date on Parent Pay.

**Tuesday PE.** Please ensure long hair is tied back and ear-rings are removed. **PE will be indoors this term so children will work barefoot.**

**Thursday- Welly Walking-** Please make sure that your child has wellies, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat in school as we will walk in all but the most severe weather. **It would be helpful if these could be left in school on their outside pegs during the week so the children can maximise the use of our outside area in all weathers.**

**Friday- Wagtail's Star Bear-** Wagtail's star of the week will be allowed to take home a class bear, along with the bears' scrap book page for the weekend. It would be really lovely if you could work with your child, on their turn, to complete a page of the scrap book about what your child and the bear have done that weekend. This could include pictures, writing or anything your child wishes to include. They will then have the opportunity to share this work and their adventure with the bear the following week.

### Home Learning

**All Wagtails- Literacy/English-** We expect 5 minutes daily practice of phonemes (letters and sounds) to be learned each week, sight vocabulary/spelling based on phonics and word recognition and 5 minutes reading of reading book daily. New tricky words and sounds will continue to be sent home it would be hugely beneficial for the children to begin being able to spell (write) these as well as read them. **All children have been sent their Teach your Monster to read log in. This is a fun and engaging way to support the children's Phonics learning.**

**Year 1 only at this time- Maths-** Weekly Maths game/activity or practice of basic Maths skills.

**Year 1 only at this time- Learning Log-** a Fortnightly learning log task, an imaginative and individual record of learning linked to a weekly learning challenge.

**All home learning experiences to be recorded in blue Home-School book.**

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**Blue Home-School Books**-Please note how your child approaches their letters and sounds/reading/Maths games and what they achieve and/or any other information you wish to share with myself in their blue home school books. These books are checked daily.

**Please can book bags and their contents be brought to and from school every day.**

### **Reminders:**

- Please can I remind you to ensure all gates around school are securely closed and fastened behind you, this ensures the safety of all our children.
- It is very helpful if all items of clothing (including coats and wellies etc) are clearly labelled this will not only help your child begin to take responsibility for their own belongings but help us return them more swiftly should they become lost.
- We actively discourage children from bringing in toys from home due to the distress it cause should they get lost or broken.

I hope you find this information useful, do please regularly check on our class page of the website for what has been happening in the classroom.

If you have any questions or wish to come into the school to help in the classroom, please do not hesitate to come in and see me or write a note in the blue home-school book.

Yours sincerely

Miss K. O'Connor

Wagtail's Class Teacher