

Hello again Little Wrens and Base 1,

I hope you are all keeping well.

I have been looking at the school website every day as well as Learning Book to see the lovely things you have been doing. It makes me smile to see all the wonderful learning and fun activities that you are getting up to. It is also lovely to see you having lots of family time.

Olly, you looked like you were having a lot of fun with your yoghurt science experiment. Did you eat the result? The crystal garden looked magical. I also loved your "Where does rain come from?" experiment. Perhaps you could write and tell me about your science experiments.

Ella, you have been busy teaching your rabbits. I hope they were well behaved and listened carefully to you! I do love the Spring Chicken Song. You have a beautiful singing voice and I look forward to hearing you sing the Spring Chicken Song when we return to school. I loved your photo of you playing twister. Playing twister is so much fun. I played twister as a child with my brother and sisters. We always did get ourselves into such a tangle! It made me smile when mum said you did your "Fortnite Dance" when you scored a goal. I'm sure Mr. Ellis will be so happy that you remembered it. You were so careful using your mallet to hammer on screw covers. I hope you didn't hit your fingers!

Lily, I loved the house that you built having watched Tinkerbell. I was really pleased to see you practising your phonics and reading skills is such a fun way. Your letter stamps looked very colourful. I think I will buy myself a set of those. What a creative way mummy has come up with to help you learn your tricky words. Perhaps you could use some of your tricky word cards and words from your match and spell game to make a sentence for me? Or you might like to write some sentences to tell me about some of the things you have been doing.

Willow, what an amazing chalk drawing of nanny and Cleo. It was very thoughtful of you and Oliver to write a postcard to Nanny and Grampy. I'm sure they were very happy to receive them. Oliver, it was so great to see you working on your numbers and telling mum which was one more than and one less than. Well done! You were both very engaged when working in your hospital looking after your patients. You make a great medical team. What a great idea mummy had to get you to write down your favourite part of each day and add some photos and pictures to share with your friends when you get back to school. I'll look forward to reading them!

Oliver M., your toy story cakes looked amazing. I hope you enjoyed eating them.

Frankie, the cows, sheep and lambs must have been very happy when you went to say hello! Having tea in the garden in the sunshine is one of the best things.

April, how are your plants doing? I look forward to seeing how they have grown. Perhaps you could draw a picture of some of your plants for me. Stickle bricks in the sun looked like great fun. Your rocket creation looks amazing. Can it fly? Fraser has been a great teacher when showing you how to hold his racing pigeons.

Joshie, how is the basketball coming along? What a fun way to learn your digraphs and trigraphs using a nerf gun! Thank you for accepting my challenge and drawing a T-rex using your dinosaur books. What wonderful Easter bonnets you, Lauren and Sophie created. You had so many Easter eggs. I hope you didn't eat them all in one day! I heard you have been learning to tell the time. That is great. You can now keep me on track as I am always late for assembly, you can be my timekeeper.

Anna, thank you once again for the lovely birthday card. It has been lovely to see all the outdoor activities you have been getting up to. How is your lamb doing? Does it have a name? You looked so engrossed when planting your seeds. Have they begun to grow yet? Keep me up to date on their growing progress.

Annie, it has been delightful to see all the things you have been doing. You have a lot of lovely fruit growing in your garden. I am thinking of growing some fruit and vegetables in my new garden. Perhaps you could write down some advice and tips for me? Did you have fun on your Easter Egg hunt? How many eggs did you find? It was delightful to see you making up your own number problems. Your different coloured fairy cakes looked delicious. I hope you had fun icing them and of course the best part eating them. Who won your egg and spoon race? Thank you also Annie for accepting the challenge and writing lots of rhyming lists. I look forward to seeing some more of your writing on Learning Book. I bet mum and dad were immensely proud listening to you and Sam as you composed some music together.

Oliver G – How is your beanstalk? Have you been busy repairing all the cars? Your pencil control skills are superb. All your hard work is paying off. I hope your Great Gran liked her dandelion card. You were so careful when adding the seeds using paint and your finger, so precise. I loved the lava lamp that you made. Such a cool science experiment. Maisie and you looked like a terrific team when baking together. Did you manage to eat all the cakes with an "O" on them?

Evie, you have also been very busy, painting fences, baking cookies, designing houses and planting seeds. How are your seeds doing? Have they started to grow yet? I'll look forward to seeing some photos of them as they grow.

Wilfred, what delicious Easter nests you and Constance made. It made me hungry looking at the photos. I bet you both enjoyed eating your creations. I was so delighted to see your "Joyful Jar". It looks far prettier than my one in school. Perhaps when we get back to school you could decorate the class one. Your painting with watercolours looked spectacular. It's delightful to see you enjoying the fresh air and sunshine while practising your football skills. Well done on solving the number problems. They were tricky. Keep up the hard work and have fun!

Lucas, what an amazing dragon you made. You have been busy in the garden. It looked like hard work digging the soil. You must have been very tired after all of that. I was so happy to see you working on your number recognition whilst enjoying the sunshine and being outside. The walks you are going on look very pretty. You will have to tell me where they are when we get back to school so I may enjoy a walk there too.

It continues to make me smile and feel happy when I see all the fun activities and learning that is taking place at home. If you haven't yet sent a photo with a message to Mrs Cador to share, please ask mummy or daddy to send one to head@wrenbury.cheshire.sch.uk. If you have been sending photos, please continue to do so. It is good to stay in touch. As mentioned previously, the website is a lovely way to keep the class together and also a way all of you can see each other and continue to share some of your learning and lovely play. Do keep playing and learning, listening to stories, practising your sounds and your numbers and above all talking about how you feel.

Be good and be happy,

Mrs Dopierala

Dear mums and dads,

I am very pleased to see so many parents uploading photos of their child's learning and activities on Learning Book. For those of you that have not yet accessed this tool I would be very grateful if you could do so. This will assist us in assessing and keeping abreast of your child's learning journey in these unprecedented circumstances. Once again if you are having issues please do not hesitate to email admin@wrenbury.cheshire.sch.uk. I can try to resolve the issue and hopefully have everyone accessing this.

SUPPORTING HOME LEARNING

Sadly, with lock down extended, we have to continue to follow the government's directives and limit all travel to essential. For this reason as mentioned previously we cannot exchange reading books.

Please continue to use the links that were in the first class letter as well as those below to access online books and resources for the EYFS age range.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/support-learning-at-home>

This website provides home learning resources across the curriculum for reading, music, maths and a lot more.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/> (Some aspects of the year 1 home learning resources may be applicable) Also the section for Wales has resources aimed at 3-7 year olds so this will also assist)

www.nhsggc.org.uk – This has programmes developed by paediatric occupational therapists to assist with fine and gross motor skills. This website also has links to other activities and areas. Fine motor skills is one area that has been identified as an area to work on in early years.

www.mathletics.com – This site is offering a free trial to parents.

<https://pobble.com/home-learning-resources> - This has lots of ideas that are not on-line learning resources and non-screen activities. You can sign up to the newsletter to receive weekly ideas.

<https://2simple.com/>

<https://www.abcmouse.com/>

<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/free-resources>

I hope this helps

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