



## Hummingbird Class Newsletter

### Messages

- Welcome back and a happy new year to you all. The children have had an excellent start to the new year and considering the very adverse weather conditions, they have worked super hard with their studies as well as continuing to behave in a safe manner. We would like to thank our parents and carers for your dedication in getting the children into school during the difficult weather.
- We continue to remind the children of our school values which are:
  - ❖ Be Respectful
  - ❖ Be Responsible
  - ❖ Be Safe

### English

Our new English unit is based on the book *The Journey Home* by Frann Preston-Gannon. The story follows a polar bear who sets off in search of a new home because the ice is melting. We will join him on his adventures across the seas and discover the many friends he meets along the way. The story encourages the children to think about climate change and its impact on our planet. The children will discuss the issues as well as learn how to use varying sentence types and descriptive language features to create posters, letters and fact files based on this book.

### Maths

Our new maths topic is length. In this unit, the children will get a better understanding of how to measure length. They will begin by understanding what a metre is and what centimetres are and then progress to using them in real-life contexts.

### Phonics

The children are now very settled into their new phonics groups and are working super hard to develop their reading skills. Reading is one of the most important and integral skills for our children at Whiston Willis and we continue to encourage all parents to read for at least 10 minutes per evening. All children have now been provided with new Reading Records and books to take home. Please record any home reading in their record books after each reading session. Thank you.

### Science

In Science, our new topic is habitats. Children will be learning about the different types of habitats and how animals adapt to these surroundings. They will also be exploring how habitat loss can affect the planet.

### PE

Our PE days for this half term are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** whereby the children will be completing both a fitness and a skills unit of work (cool core strength and throwing and catching). Please can you ensure that your child is provided with the correct Whiston Willis School PE kit (full details can be found on our website) and also a water bottle.

### Academic Excellence

Well done to the following children who have been our 'Stars of the Week' in recent weeks: **Eleanor and Ben**

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact the school office or during drop-off/pick-up time should you need to discuss anything. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Williams and Miss McAnaney  
Hummingbird Class Teachers