



## Hummingbird Class Newsletter

### Messages

- We have had another fantastic week in year 2 and the children are working super hard and settling into year 2 life with enthusiasm and confidence.
- We continue to remind the children of our school values which are:
  - ❖ Be Respectful
  - ❖ Be Responsible
  - ❖ Be Safe

**Reminder – School closes on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.10pm for half term break. School will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.40am.**

### English

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been enjoying our book *The Dragon Machine*. Children have been learning how the prefix 'un' can change the meaning of a word and describing our own dragon machines using a range of adjectives. We have been planning and writing our own versions of the story.

### Maths

We have been continuing our learning on addition and subtraction. The children have been learning the column method to support them with 2-digit addition and subtraction. Please support your child with simple addition and subtraction to 10 and mental recall of these.

### 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

This half term we have been looking at Light. The children have been looking at sources of light and how light travels so that we can see. This week we have looked at reflection and tested reflective and non-reflective materials.

### School Uniform

The children are all looking super smart in their new school uniforms and we understand the commitment our parents make to ensure the children are always well-presented in school. Can we please ask parents to ensure that their child's uniform is clearly labelled. This helps children and staff to locate lost jumpers, cardigans and coats, should the children have taken them off during play times or PE. Thank you for your support.

### 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. 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.

### News

#### Academic Excellence

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

#### **Elsie, Teddy and Isla**

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, Miss McAnaney and Miss Conboy  
**Hummingbird Class Teachers**