



Hummingbird Class Newsletter

Messages

- WOW! What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Hummingbird class. The children all look super smart in their uniforms and they have been trying incredibly hard to get our new academic year off to a flying start and they deserve a huge WELL DONE!
 - We continue to remind the children of our school values which are:
 - ✤ Be Respectful
 - Be Responsible
 - ✤ Be Safe

<u>English</u>

Our first English unit has been based on the story of Goldilocks and the three bears by Lauren Child. The children have enjoyed learning how to retell the main events of this well-known fairy tale as well as how to use exciting adjectives to describe characters and settings. This week, the children will be writing their own version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

<u>Maths</u>

Our first maths topic is counting to 100 whereby the children have focussed on ordering and comparing numbers using number lines and place value grids and part/part/whole diagrams. Our next unit of work is based on addition and subtraction.

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.

<u>Science</u>

In Science, our new topic is Light. Children will be learning about what light is and how we use our eyes to see as well as using their investigative skills to find out how shadows are made.

<u>History</u>

In History, we are learning all about the history of travel and transport. The children will be learning about the importance of the invention of the wheel as well as learning about pioneering travellers and inventors of transport.

<u>PE</u>

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.

Academic Excellence

Well done to the following children who have been our 'Stars of the Week' in recent weeks: Bank, Aurora, Mya, Tia, Mikella and Reuben.

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

Mrs Williams Hummingbird Class Teacher