



## Penguin Class Newsletter

I am so incredibly proud of how well Penguins have settled in to Year 3. We have had a busy couple of weeks getting used to new routines and going over expectations of 'The Whiston Willis Way', which all children have demonstrated brilliantly. In just three short weeks, we have accomplished so much, such as learning place value up to 3-digit numbers, writing diary entries and beginning our journey to learning the keyboard. Well done Penguins!

### This half-term, we will be learning:

#### English

- Children have enjoyed reading the book 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein. We have thought about what it would have been like to live during the Stone Age and compared our life to that of a Stone Age child.

#### Maths

- All children have come into school each day, settling straight into Early Bird Maths – a great way to start the day and to warm our brains up! In maths, all children have been working with 3-digit numbers and looking at place value.

#### Science

- In Science we have started at the correct way to complete investigations, including how to conduct an investigation fairly and draw and label a diagram correctly.

#### History

- In History we have started to look at what life was like in Prehistoric Britain, which has linked well with our English lessons. We have discovered the types of species that lived during the Stone Age and the first types of tools early humans would have used.

#### Art

- In Art we have been studying Henry Moore, a famous sculptor. We will look at pieces of his work and complete some research about his life and artwork.

#### PE

- We are looking at different skills we can use in our multi skills unit and improving our fitness in our boot camp unit.

#### PSHE

- In PSHE, children are enjoying learning about 'Being Me in My World'. We are continuing to develop our Class Charter based on the UN rights of a child.

#### Music

- We have started to learn how to play the keyboard with Mrs Walton, a specialist music teacher and have started to learn some new songs to sing too.



### News

#### Academic Excellence

Well done to the following children who have won awards over the past few weeks:

- Star of the week: Rex and Thomas S
- Rights Respecting: Leo and Nyla
- Reading: Isla and Harry
- P.E: Grace and Alice-Rose



#### Clubs

Children have started to enjoy our range of extra-curricular clubs offered to them this week, including drawing club, dodgeball and mindfulness.

#### PE

Our P.E days are **Thursday** and **Friday**.

#### Times Table Rockstars

All children have been sent home with their TTRS logins. Please ensure children are logging on regularly to practise their times tables.

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MissArmstrongWW and @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.



**Thank you for your continued support**  
**Miss Armstrong**

## English

This half term we are studying the texts, The First Drawing by Mordcai Gerstein, Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister, Small and the City by Sydney Smith. Through these texts, we will be learning how to effectively write for a range of audience and purpose.

## Science

**Practical Skills** - children will learn in detail what makes a good and effective science investigation. This will include learning about what a variable is, how to draw a science diagram and why a method is important.

## RE

**Responsibilities**— children will learn about responsibility and who is responsible for them. They will think about rules and rules within religion and why they are important. They will particularly study the 10 commandments.

## Reading

Applying all reading skills to a variety of contexts, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and media.

## PSHE

**Being Me In My World** - children will learn what it is like to be part of a class team and about being a class citizen. They will explore rules, rights and responsibilities which will result in the creation of a class - agreed charter.

## Music

Children will receive external music tuition and begin their journey learning a musical instrument.



# Whiston Willis Primary Academy

Year 3

Curriculum Map Autumn 1

## Maths

Explore numbers up to 1000, focusing on the value of each digit: place value. Children will learn how to compose and decompose numbers, compare, order and look for patterns. Children will then move on to addition and subtraction where renaming is required, before moving on to problem solving and practice using bar models.

## French

**Salutations** - children will learn basic salutations in French

## History

**Prehistoric Britain** - children will learn what life was like in the Stone Age and the tools that early humans used. They will study a Stone Age settlement and learn why bronze was used for tools and weapons. They will then study Skara Brae and other Stone Age sites.

## Art and Design

**Henry Moore** - children will research the artist Henry Moore before designing, making and evaluating their own piece of sculpture.

## Computing

Coding - children will understand what a flowchart is and how they are used in computer programming. They will understand that there are different types of timers and will learn to select the correct one for purpose. They will lead up to designing and creating an interactive scene.

## P.E

**Brilliant Ball Skills** - children will be aware of others when playing games and choose the correct skills to meet a challenge

**Gymfit Circuits** - children will identify techniques to improve balance.