



# Hummingbird Class Newsletter

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It has been a busy couple of weeks in Year 2 and the children are well settled into daily routines following our Whiston Willis Way. This week we enjoyed a visit from Reverend Telfer who led a Harvest Festival assembly for us all.

Next week we will be having a focus on Mental Health for World Mental Health Day. Each day the children will be thinking about what mental health is and discussing ways of looking after themselves.

## English

This week we have begun our new text 'Wolves'. The children are focusing on non-fiction writing for this unit and have been looking at the features of a non-fiction information text such as the heading, subheadings, and facts.

## Maths

In Maths, we are working hard on our addition of 2-digit numbers. The children have been learning a range of methods to add 2-digit numbers including using a number line, column addition and partitioning numbers.

## Science

In Science, we are looking at Light. The children have been thinking about what light is and identifying a range of light sources.

## History

Our topic this half term is Travel and Transport. This week we have looked at a timeline of how transport has developed.

## PSHE

In PSHE, the children are looking at their topic Being Me in My World. We have been discussing appropriate types of rewards to be given and thinking about the meaning of consequences.

## DT

For our DT, we are going to be sewing this half term, making our own puppets. The children have designed their own puppets and planned how they are going to make these. They have practised the running stitch using bincas.

## RE

In RE, the children are thinking about how we use our hands for a range of different things. This week we have thought about the meaning of the story 'The Good Samaritan.'

## Music

In Music, our unit this half term is I want to play in a band. The children are learning to appraise a range of different styles of music.

## PE

We have begun our boot camp unit this half term. The children are working hard on completing activities in a circuit within a time frame and trying to improve their scores week by week.

## News

### Daily Reading at home

Please spend 10 minutes reading with your child, and record this in their reading records, it helps them to become confident and fluent readers who can move through the Read, Write Inc scheme and then become Free Readers who can choose their own reading books. Please speak to staff in class if you require any further support with your child's reading.

### Harvest Festival Food Bank

Thank you to all parents who have donated to our food collection so far. We are continuing to collect tins and food packets next week and all donations are appreciated. All donations will be sent to our local food banks.

### Parent Welcome Meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents meeting on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, please speak to a Year 2 member of staff who will be able to provide you with a copy of the PowerPoint.

**World Mental Health Day**

Reminder - On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, children are invited to come to school wearing an item of yellow clothing (socks, top, bobble) for a donation of £1. All donations will be given to Young Minds, a children's mental health charity.

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**Thank you for your continued support**

**Miss Simms**

