



## Wolf Class Newsletter

### Update

Welcome back! I hope everybody has had a lovely Christmas and New Year with friends and family. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in getting to school during a very cold and icy week. This term is so important as Year 6 children continue to prepare for their SATs. This half term will also see Year 6 pupils change prefect roles as they continue to develop their leadership skills. I look forward to a fun-filled half term, filled with competitions and personal development opportunities.

### English

- Who doesn't love poetry? This week, we started exploring a poem called 'Night Mail' by W H Auden. The children have analysed the meaning, watched the original film and identified different poetic features. Children have also performed the poem in groups using the Public Service Broadcasting of Night Mail to support their creativity.

### Maths

- In Year 5, children have been learning to add and subtract fraction including fractions written in different forms e.g. improper and mixed number. Children have also been using their knowledge of simplifying and converting fractions when recording their answers. Year 6 have been continuing their work on measurement, by developing their confidence in multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000 to convert different units of measure. They have also begun to develop their understanding of percentages, which they will continue next week.

### Reading

- We have started our latest fiction text 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. Children have enjoyed making inferences on the character 'Lily' and have posed many questions that they are eager to find out. Did Lily's father survive the crash? Is he dead? Will Malkin find Lily? We are looking forward to reading and analysing the text over the coming weeks.

### Science

- In science, we have started our latest topic on 'Magnetism'. This week we have learnt all about non-contact forces – when two forces act through an invisible force. Next week children will learn all about magnets and how they work.

### Geography

- Our first Geography topic of the year, the USA, is underway and children have already demonstrated an extensive knowledge. We have been looking at how many states there are, the names of presidents and where the USA is in the world. We have also been learning how diverse the country is and the different biomes that span across the country.

### PE

- This week, we have started our 'Young Olympians' unit and focused on the correct technique for running. Next week, we will start to focus on the correct technique and how to maintain good balance from the starting position. As part of our fitness unit, children engaged in a completely different type of circuit training, using no equipment – can children mimic this at home as part of their New Year resolution?

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website [www.whistonwillis.co.uk](http://www.whistonwillis.co.uk)

### News

#### Clubs

Year 6 clubs are on a Monday (Maths) and Tuesday (English) – please encourage your child to attend.

#### PE Days

Wolf Class PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday – please ensure your child attends school in full Whiston Willis PE kit. They may wear dark pants with their Whiston Willis hoody, jumper or cardigan.

#### Parent App

Reminder - Parents/ carers should have received an email to register for Parentapps – this will be used to share communications with parents – please follow instructions from email to sign up. Some children are saying they have not received information, however it is likely that this has been shared on the app.

#### Robinwood

Information regarding Robinwood has been shared via Parent Pay and the Parent App – places are limited and deposits need to be paid to guarantee your child's place.

#### Important Dates

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – School Census Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Year 5 LFC Football

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5/6 Dodgeball

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 LFC Football

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Bikeability

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**Thank you for your continued support - Mr Wong**

