



## Wolf Class Newsletter

### Update

Welcome back Wolf class! We have been extremely busy over the past two weeks. Last week, our Year 5/6 girls' football team represented our school in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Sylvia Gore Football League, where their performance has left them challenging for a qualification to the regional finals. This week celebrated 'Anti-Bullying Week', starting with 'Odd Sock Day', celebrating everyone's uniqueness. In addition, Altru-Drama delivered a whole school drama performance, which was followed with a Year 5 workshop, where children were able to use drama to demonstrate different expressions of a bully and a victim.

### English

- We have started our latest text 'Anne Frank' by Josephine Poole and Angela Barrett, which supports our history topic of 'Twentieth Century Conflict'. Children have already written descriptive paragraphs using noun phrases; written formal letters and informal diary entries; and developed their understanding of modal verbs. Next week, children will write character descriptions; write a diary entry from the perspective of Otto; and write a newspaper article using passive voice.

### Maths

- In Year 5, children have been multiplying 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers using formal written methods. Next, year 5 will begin to use formal written methods for division, including dividing with a remainder. Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have continued their work on fractions and have been adding and subtracting fractions including mixed number and improper fractions. In addition, they have been multiplying fractions. Next week, children will begin to look at decimals and begin to record answers in decimals rather than remainders when dividing.

### Reading

- Children have enjoyed our first non-fiction text of the year 'The Story of the Titanic for Children'. They have formed predictions based on the front cover and prior knowledge; developed their understanding of words and phrases; made inferences supported by evidence; and used reading skills to retrieve information. Next week, children will continue to demonstrate key reading skills such as inference, summarising, author's intent and explain.

### Science

- This week, children have been learning about physical change. During this, children have used their previous knowledge of change of state and solid, liquid and gases to support their learning. Ask your child, what is a physical change? Can they give you some examples? Next week, we will be looking at chemical change.

### History

- This week, children have been consolidating their learning from last half term on 'Industrial Revolution' – they have produced some fantastic pieces of history writing, which I can't wait to share with you all. Over the next half term, children will begin to learn about 'Twentieth Century Conflict', which will support their understanding of remembrance.

### PE

- This half term, we are fortunate to have @LFCFoundation delivering basketball to our class. Last week, children began to develop their dribbling skills, focussing on control and head position before applying their learning to small games. As part of fitness unit, we have started our unit on 'Boxercise', which provides children with the skills and knowledge to complete this at home as minimal equipment is required. What do you do to stay physically active?

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

Clubs have now started for Autumn 2 and it is great to see so many children participating in extra-curricular clubs in school. Please ensure that children participating in clubs outside of school are recording these on a pupil passport – these are available from Miss Caldwell at a cost of £3.50.

#### PE Days

Wolf class PE days have changed to Tuesday and Thursday – please ensure your child attends school in full Whiston Willis PE kit.

#### 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.

#### Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – please ensure your child has returned their form. If you have asked for a telephone conversation then these will take throughout the week (from a withheld number).

**Important Dates**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Own Clothes Day (Children in Need)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Parents' Evening

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

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

