

Issue 1



# **Wolf Class Newsletter**

## Welcome back

I would like to welcome all pupils, parents and carers to Wolf class. Children have adapted well to their new class and it has been a pleasure getting to know them over the past couple of weeks. Already children have produced some fantastic work and engaged in new experiences. Children are demonstrating our school values 'Be respectful. Be responsible. Be safe'. This week, Year 6 have attended Robinwood, where they have developed their communication, teamwork, resilience and overcome so many fears. I am sure they will share their experience with the rest of Wolf class, in preparation for next year.

#### <u>English</u>

• Our first Literacy Tree text is 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. Children have started by developing their understanding formal and non-formal writing through letters and diary entries. Children have developed their understanding of modal verbs, subordinating conjunctions and subjunctive mood. Next week, children will begin to infer characters' feelings and use emotive language for cohesion.

#### <u>Maths</u>

• Both year 5 and Year 6 have started the unit on 'Place Value'. Year 5 have been reading, writing and comparing numbers up to 1 million, whilst year 6 have been working with numbers up to 10 million. They have also been rounding numbers to the nearest 1 million, 100,000, 10,000, 1,000, 100 and 10. Year 6 have been introduced to the order of operations (BIDMAS), which they will continue next week. Year 5 will use number lines to round numbers to an appropriate value.

#### **Reading**

• We have started to one of my favourite books 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell in Guided Reading. Children have formed predictions, retrieved information, inferred emotions and compared different characters within the story. Furthermore, children have continued to develop their understanding of new vocabulary and are able to form connections with other forms of literature such as books and movies.

#### **Science**

• Children have started the topic 'Separating Mixtures'. They have recapped on previous knowledge of solid, liquid and gases and are able to identify the properties of the different states. Children have also developed an understanding of pure and impure substances. They have also completed an experiment, that looks at how pure water is- children have continued to observe this, in preparation to answer the question; is water pure?

## <u>PSHE</u>

• Over the past couple of weeks, we have spent time 'connecting' and sharing our thoughts and opinions with the class. We have discussed our rights and responsibilities and identified how we can support others to ensure they have similar rights to ourselves. We discussed the meaning to words such 'refugee' and asylum seeker'. Next week, we will continue to discuss the rights if a child and create our own class charter based on our rights.

#### <u>PE</u>

• We have started our skills unit based on the sport 'cricket'. Children have learnt the appropriate techniques used when throwing a ball and practised using a cricket bat to strike the ball. Next week, we will further develop our striking techniques and our fielding skills.

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website www.whistonwillis.co.uk

#### News

#### <u>Robinwood</u>

Children from Year 6 had the most amazing time at Robinwood and have made memories that will last forever. All children challenged themselves and overcome fears. They demonstrated many skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership and problem solving. I am in awe of their achievements and determination so early on in Year 6. Year 5, you are next, please follow the following twitter accounts to see what activities you could take part in: @MrWongWW @MissCaldwell09 @MrsAskewWW

#### <u>Clubs</u>

New clubs for Autumn 1 have started and children should have signed up. Remember to get your Children's Uni Passports for any clubs that children attend outside of school.

## PE Days

Wolf class PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday- please ensure your child attends school in full Whiston Willis PE kit.

## Important Dates

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Knife Crime Talk Yr 6 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Police Talk – Mischief/ Bonfire

Thank you for your continued support - Mr Wong

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

