



Cheetah Class Newsletter

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2! I cannot believe we have already completed a full half term- time is flying by. The children have made incredible progress across all subjects, particularly in maths, English and reading. Their effort, enthusiasm, and growing maturity shine through every day, and I am so proud of how well they are stepping up to the challenges of Year 6.

This half term, we have already hit the ground running. We enjoyed Anti-Bullying Week by wearing our odd socks and watching a fantastic performance by Altru Drama exploring bullying, kindness and protected characteristics. Next week, we are fortunate to welcome the Adam Ellison Foundation, who will be speaking to Year 6 about knife crime and the importance of making safe choices.

Outside on the playground, the new clamber stack has been a huge hit, alongside cricket and basketball activities at break and lunch. I have also been extremely impressed with our Play Leaders-our Year 6 pupils who have chosen to give up their own lunchtime to support and look after our younger children. They are demonstrating responsibility and kindness in action. After such a busy start to the term, I hope everyone enjoys a restful weekend.

English

We have now begun our exciting new text: *The Windrush Child*. The children are absolutely loving it so far, and they cannot wait to read more every day.

This half term, we have already written:

- Airmail letters
- Speeches
- Diary entries

These pieces have allowed the children to explore voice, emotion and empathy, and their writing is becoming increasingly thoughtful and mature.

Maths

We have started a new chapter on **fractions**, building on our arithmetic and problem-solving skills.

- Children are working hard on multiplying, simplifying and comparing fractions.
- Boosters and extra practice at home are already making a visible difference- thank you for your continued support.

Science

Our new science topic is Living Things, with a particular focus on the circulatory system and the components of blood. The children have been fascinated by how the heart works and are excited to continue exploring how our bodies keep us alive and healthy.

History & Geography

We are continuing our work on World War II and exploring the impact it had on our local area.

- This half term we have especially enjoyed looking at local airbases and how they were used during the war.
- Children are becoming confident in comparing human and physical features and understanding how people interact with their environment.

PSHE

- We have focused heavily on kindness, respect and belonging during Anti-Bullying Week.
- We explored protected characteristics and discussed how we can stand up for ourselves and others.
- Our Year 6 Play Leaders continue to impress us with their responsibility, patience and commitment.

PE

This half-term we are learning about disco dance and handball.

- PE days remain **Tuesday and Friday**.
- Please come to school in full PE kit on both days.

Spelling

We follow the Read Write Inc. scheme.

• **Next week's spellings (Unit 8 – Silent letters)**

knight, knife, kneel, gnarl, gnome, castle, wrestle, whistle, calmer, subtle

• **The following week's spellings (Unit 9 – ei and ie spellings – i before e except after c)**

piece, niece, shriek, relief, believe, achieve, ceiling, conceit, receive, seize

Attendance

We are pleased to introduce our new Attendance Challenge for this term. Each week, all pupils who achieve **100% attendance** will be entered into a raffle, and **two children from every class** will be selected to receive a complimentary treat from the Friday Tuck Shop.

In addition, we will be working towards a **whole-class reward** for pupils who maintain full attendance throughout the term and are present every day.

We kindly ask that children arrive at the classroom door by **8:40am**, as this is when our Early Bird Maths session begins. This additional learning time plays a key role in strengthening mathematical understanding and addressing any gaps.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's aim high and work together to make Cheetah Class the strongest attending class in the school.

Uniform, PE and Healthy Schools

- PE Days: **Tuesday and Friday** - come to school in full PE kit.
- PE Kit: Plain white top or Whiston Willis PE top, navy or black joggers/leggings, and a plain navy hoodie or Whiston Willis hoodie. **Children must not wear branded tracksuit items or clothing with logos for PE.**
- Uniform: Full correct school uniform must be worn daily, including black school shoes.
- Healthy Schools: Please provide healthy snacks for break time and nutritious packed lunches if your child is not having a school dinner. Too much sugar at break is making it harder for some children to concentrate in lessons, so let's work together to make healthy choices.
- Birthdays: Please note that we can no longer accept birthday cakes in school due to allergies.

Homework

Thank you so much for the support you are providing at home. The extra practice with reading, spellings, times tables and SATs revision tasks is making a noticeable difference.

This consistent effort now will pay off massively as we get closer to SATs.

Clubs

New clubs for Autumn 2 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.

Year 6 morning SATs booster sessions will be starting in the next couple of weeks. These sessions provide valuable additional support in the lead-up to SATs. Please keep an eye out for the letter coming home with further details.

Stars of the Week

- **Rushvin R**- for always following the Whiston Willis Way and setting a great example.
- **Tom L**- for kindly looking out for others and helping to make our classroom a caring place.
- **Arusnan T** - for making fantastic progress in his reading and writing.
- **Dammy A**- for being a wonderful role model and a supportive friend.
- **Jorgie**- for showing great improvement in her maths.

Important Dates

- **17th Nov**: Adam Ellison talk on knife crime
- **17th Nov (Mon, weekly)**: Healthy Families - book with class teacher
- **1st Dec**: PC Hazel talk on anti-social behaviour
- **Early Dec**: PTA Christmas movie night
- **Dec**: Parents' evening
- **4th, 5th, 8th & 9th Dec**: Bikeability
- **5th Dec**: Christmas panto
- **15th Dec**: Watch this space!

A number of children have stood out this week for their maturity, resilience and exceptional work ethic. Year 6 should be incredibly proud of themselves- they continue to impress us with their attitude, determination and teamwork.

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember you can follow our class updates on **X (@MissJenningsWW)** for regular photos and news from our learning journey. Please do not hesitate to grab me at the door or ring the school should you want to discuss anything.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Jennings