



Cheetah Class Newsletter

We are just two days away from completing our first half term in Year 6 - and what a busy, exciting start it's been! The children have settled into their new routines brilliantly and have shown great maturity, teamwork and enthusiasm. From Robinwood and Crucial Crew to Bikeability, football tournaments and league matches (for both girls and boys!), the children have thrown themselves into everything with energy and positivity.

English

We are beginning a new book after half term linked to the Windrush generation. This text explores themes of migration, identity and belonging, in a way that is age-appropriate and thought-provoking. Some parts of the story can be sensitive, as they touch on real historical experiences and the challenges faced by the Windrush community, but we will approach these discussions with care and respect.

- We will continue to develop our use of rich vocabulary, ambitious verbs and varied sentence structures.
- Children will be encouraged to write with emotion and empathy, connecting their learning to real historical experiences

Maths

This week, we are focusing on common multiples and factors, alongside our continued work on arithmetic and the four operations. We will move on to prime numbers, square and cube numbers, and using our knowledge to solve multi-step reasoning problems.

Science

Our new topic is Animals Including Humans. We have started by exploring what blood is made of and the vital role it plays in keeping us healthy. After half term, we'll look more closely at the circulatory system and how oxygen and nutrients are transported around the body.

History & Geography

- We have been learning about local RAF airbases during World War II - including RAF Speke, Burtonwood and Westvale - and their importance during the war.
The children have enjoyed discovering how these sites contributed to the wider war effort and how our local area has changed over time.
- Our geography lessons have taken us across the globe as we explore earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes.
We have been learning about fault lines and how the Earth's structure affects natural disasters and the world's landscapes.

Spelling

We follow the Read Write Inc. scheme.

Next two weeks' spellings:

- 'sh' sound spelt 'ti' or 'ci'
nation, action, fraction, direction, completion, official, musician, precious, spacious, cautious
- 'sh' sound spelt 'si' or 'ssi'
tension, pension, mansion, expansion, comprehension, mission, session, impression, permission, vision

Behaviour Expectations

The children continue to show fantastic leadership as **Year 6 role models**. They have represented our school wonderfully at events and have lived out **The Whiston Willis Way** every day:

Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Safe.

Football league

Both our girls' and boys' football teams are absolutely smashing it in the league and doing us proud! Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship have been outstanding. We are so proud of how both teams represent Whiston Willis

Clubs

New clubs for Autumn 2 will be coming out this week. Please sign up via the form sent out on the app.

Homework Expectations

All Year 6 children will receive weekly paper-based homework. This is given out every Monday and should be returned the following Monday.

Each week, homework will include:

- Arithmetic – 10 practice questions to build fluency
- Comprehension – a short fiction or non-fiction text with questions
- SPaG – a weekly spelling, punctuation, and grammar check
- Reading – regular home reading and Accelerated Reader quizzes
- Spellings – weekly spellings from the small green RWI Spelling Book (test on Fridays)
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Children also have access to SATs Companion and TT Rockstars at home for extra practice.

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and spelling book to school every day.

Please ensure all homework is brought in by Monday. Thank you to those already doing so!

Stars of the Week

- **Harry** - Always showing The Whiston Willis Way in everything he does. A fantastic role model for others!
- **Jude** - Brilliant effort and focus in Maths this week - great problem-solving and determination!
- **Sabrina** - Consistently following our school values and setting a wonderful example for her classmates.
- **Archie** - Excellent listening and a positive attitude towards all areas of learning. Keep it up!

Important Dates

- **21st October: Scary Hair Day**
- **21st October: Girls' Football League**
- **23rd October: Boys' Football League**
- **21st October: School closes for half term - enjoy a well-earned rest!**
- **3rd November- School reopens**

After half term, we'll continue building stamina, independence and resilience as we move deeper into our Year 6 learning journey. I'm so proud of how far the children have come already - they are growing into confident, kind and capable leaders.

Have a wonderful half term break and a fun-filled Halloween!

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Jennings