



Penguin Class Newsletter

Messages

We've had another fantastic week in Penguin Class, filled with creativity, curiosity, and brilliant learning! The children have impressed us with their hard work across all subjects - from writing in character in English to exploring new multiplication strategies in Maths. We're also looking forward to a fun start to next week with Scary Hair Day on Tuesday!

English

This week in English, Penguin Class has loved reading *The First Drawing* by Mordicai Gerstein. We've been imagining what life would have been like during the Stone Age and comparing it to our lives today. The children have been practising using fronted adverbials to show when events happen in a sentence. We have now started retelling the story in our own words.

Maths

In Maths, we have continued to build our skills in addition and subtraction. The children have explored different strategies, including counting backwards, using number lines, and solving calculations with the column method. We have also started using bar models to help us solve word problems and explain our thinking.

Science

Our Science work has focused on rocks and soils. We investigated how to test whether a rock is limestone or chalk by adding acid - if it fizzes or froths, we know it contains limestone or chalk. We also explored soils and discussed the question: *Is soil just dirt?*

History

In History, we explored what life was like during Palaeolithic times and discovered that there was once a land called Doggerland. (Ask your child where Doggerland was!) We also learned about how life began to change during the Mesolithic period.

Art

The children have been busy designing and creating their own clay sculptures, and they look absolutely brilliant! They can't wait to show them off.

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Academic Excellence

Well done to the following children who have been our 'Workers of the Week' in recent weeks:

- **Week 6:** Jules and Sonny
- **Week 7:** Ellis and Lacie

PE

Children can attend school in full Whiston Willis PE kits on Monday and Wednesday

Reminder

At Whiston Willis, we are promoting healthy eating. Please send healthy snacks for break and lunch, for example, fruit, veg sticks or wholegrain options. Thank you for your support.

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MissArmstrongWW and @WhistonWillis1 on X (Twitter).

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Armstrong

