



WHISTON WILLIS
PRIMARY ACADEMY
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Reception Class Newsletter

17.10.25

What a fantastic first term we have had together! School closes on **Tuesday 21st October** and will reopen **Monday 3rd November** for half term.

Phonics

Children continue to work hard during their phonic lessons. This week children have learnt the sounds v,y,w,x,z. Please over the half term can you ensure children are recapping previously taught sounds to ensure they are remembering them fluently in preparation for beginning to read.

Literacy

As our final writing piece for our Literacy text, Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain, children have enjoyed using description words to describe African animals. Children had the opportunity to write sounds in words using their Fred fingers to support.

Maths

Within maths children have been focussing on comparison. Children used language of 'more than' and 'fewer than' to compare sets of objects with their peers. Please continue to support your child with using this language at home.

General

Children have enjoyed learning about Howard Hodgkin and Pablo Picasso in our art lessons.

They have completed their unit on Fundamental skills in PE which focussed on running and stopping, changing direction, hopping and landing.

Children have opportunities to sing and explore musical instruments each week within their Music sessions.

Reminders

Reception **Parent Phonic Meeting** will be a great time for you to understand how children learn to read and how you can support this journey at home – a date to be confirmed with Mrs Halsall (our Reading Lead).

We ask from next half term if children can bring a pair of wellington boots to school as we will be accessing the outdoors in all weathers. Thanks.

Please remember snack is **£1 a week**. This can be paid weekly or termly.

We are a **healthy school** so please ensure packed lunches are containing healthy food and drink items where possible.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Halsall

Miss Chiocchi