



WHISTON WILLIS  
PRIMARY ACADEMY  
WADE DEACON TRUST



# Reception Class Newsletter

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## Phonics

The children continue to work hard at school. Please use the QR codes provided in your child's reading records to watch the virtual classroom to support your child at home.

## Literacy

The children are now coming to the end of our Literacy Tree Text, The Magic Paintbrush. It has been so impressive watching the children role play, sequence the story and retell using their own words. We continue to practice forming our letters and now build words using Fred Fingers. Please support your children at home using the RWI sound mats provided.

## Maths

Within maths the children build on their subitising skills of small quantities. This week we used our skills to identify the numbers within 5. The children have previously made towers of blocks and patterns of 5 in different ways, and this week we began to recognise the numbers that combine to make 5. We are making excellent progress in maths in reception!

## General

The children have now started to find out all about Chinese New Year. This Year is the Year of the Horse and the children are really enjoying learning all about celebrations and looking at similarities and differences.

For Art the children experiment with loose parts to create art and sculptures. Andy Goldsworthy is the artist of choice this term.

## Reminders

**Please send in reading records each day!**

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**