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Wolf Class Newsletter

I can't believe this is my last newsletter of the half-term. It is fantastic to see how dedicated the children are to improving. We have had a huge focus on presentation and this needs to continue next half-term. Children in year 6 are embracing their new roles and it is fantastic to see Year 5 volunteers supporting staff on a daily basis. This half-term has been filled with learning and children have completed some fantastic work. It is also fantastic to see the ongoing opportunities for children's personal development. Year 6 are so excited for our coffee mornings next week. Thank you for all your donations so far.

English

- In English, we have been reading the text 'Beowulf', an historical legend. Children have developed their understanding of adverbial phrases, noun phrases, superlatives and figurative language. These are skills that they will apply to their end piece of writing. Children will write the final chapter of the story Beowulf. I look forward to sharing these pieces of writing with you.

French

In French, we have been learning how to greet people, how to ask how somebody feels and how to count to 20. This week, our French lead, Mrs Fitzgerald, came to visit and observe how well we are doing – we loved showing off our knowledge! Children engaged in conversations, recalled key vocabulary, engaged in new learning and demonstrating interactively.

PE

- In P.E. each week, we have 2 sessions: one skill-based lesson and one fitness lesson. This half-term we have been developing our knowledge of tag rugby. The children have been applying these skills to matches, working as a team to score as many points as possible. Next week, to complete this unit, we will engage in an intra-competition against Koala and Cheetah. I am amazed at the learning that has taken place during this half term in both tag rugby and bootcamp.

Reading

• This half-term our Guided Reading text was 'The Polar Bear Explorers' Club', written by Alex Bell. This has been voted as a Wolf class favourite. Children were so engaged, they hated being left in suspense. We have applied so many reading skills to the text, including retrieving information, summarising the text and making informed predictions. Children are now ready to complete a quiz on the text. Our next guided reading text is a non-fiction text, Mytholica.

Science

• As we come to an end to the topic 'Particles and Chemical Reactions', children have demonstrated a strong understanding of their learning. They have recapped on previous knowledge of solid, liquid and gases and are able to identify the properties of the different states. Children have also observed and completed a number of experiments that show chemical and physical reactions. Children have enjoyed developing their learning of states of matter from previous years.

Geography

• Over the past couple of weeks, we have compared the polar regions and learnt about 'Global Warming'. As our 'Polar Region' unit of work comes to an end, children will demonstrate their learning by producing an essay outlining their learning. On Monday, a visitor will also share their experience of visiting the Antarctica (one of our polar regions). It will also be an opportunity for children to share their learning.

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website www.whistonwillis.co.uk

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Children in year 6 have been planning and preparing for next week's coffee mornings – these will take place in the UKS2 hall. **Clubs**

New clubs for Autumn 2 have been shared. Remember clubs earn credits for graduation.

PE Days

As we are absent on Friday, can children please wear PE kits on Thursday. After half-term, our PE days will be Monday and Thursday.

Important Dates

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th October – Macmillan coffee sessions

Wednesday 25th October - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 31st October – Deadline for applying for high schools.

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MrWongWW and @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Wong

