



WHISTON WILLIS
PRIMARY ACADEMY
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Reception Class Newsletter

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This week the staff in reception are so proud of how the children have settled into school life. Our routines are coming along nicely and the children are following class rules well, working hard to follow The Whiston Willis Way. It has been a real pleasure getting to know your child and getting to know their interests and personality. Children are making positive relationships with both staff and peers and we know we are going to have a wonderful year together!

Phonics

This week the children have been fully immersed into lessons. During phonic lessons children have learnt the sounds 'm,a,s,d,t'. Children have had opportunities to form these letters. Please support your child's phonic journey by recapping on taught sounds using pure sounds. You can access a video on YouTube to support the pronunciation of pure sounds. Please search '*Parent video: How to say the sounds*' or alternatively look on our school website for phonic information under the tab 'curriculum' and then '*reading*'.

Literacy

Within Literacy, our focus story is Where the Wild Things Are. The children discovered a sack within the classroom containing various items. They have been working hard to draw and label the items as part of their written work for this week.

Maths

For Maths, children have been enhancing their subitising skills. Spotting dot patterns quickly without the need of counting them. Children have used paint to create patterns of 3 in different ways and use their language to describe these.

General

Our PE day is a Monday. Children come into school dressed in their PE kits on this day. Please ensure children are wearing school items and no football kits or tracksuits to be worn. Within PE, the children are developing the fundamental skills of balance, agility and coordination. Each lesson will be developing these key skills to support children physically.

Reminders

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

Please ensure your child has their name written in **all** items of clothing including coats, shoes and bags. This would help us to prevent any pieces of clothing from being misplaced or lost.

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

We are beginning to collect food donations for the local food bank which will be collected during the Harvest Festival in October. Any donations of tins/food packets will be gratefully received. Please send to main office or to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Halsall

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