

# Whittle Weekly

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## LATEST COVID INFORMATION

Thank you for being vigilant and spotting coronavirus systems.

- a **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Thank you for following the guidance.



1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

## What's been happening this week.....

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Firstly, thank you. Thank you to our parents and carers, staff team and our children for all the hard work, support and commitment this half term. As I know I have said before, we have had a different set of challenges to face this half term and we have done so together.

### Covid-19 Information

As I am sure you are aware, Coventry has now moved into TIER 2 here is the link to the website for more information -

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/news/article/3549/new\\_restrictions\\_as\\_coventry\\_moves\\_into\\_tier\\_2\\_of\\_national\\_covid\\_alert\\_system](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/news/article/3549/new_restrictions_as_coventry_moves_into_tier_2_of_national_covid_alert_system)

### Early Bird

Well done to all the children who came to school on time every day this week! Brilliant! I hope you enjoyed your extra playtime.

### Remote Learning

If your child is isolating but is well, we are directing them to our Remote Learning section of the school website. An email will be sent to you with the relevant information. We are asking that completed work is posted to teachers on Class Dojo. Teachers are waiting to be able to give feedback. Please remember that you don't just have to post when you have finished a block of work, you can post photos along the way so that we know how you are getting on!

### School Photographs

Braiswick - the company we use to take our school photos - will be coming into school on 24<sup>th</sup> November to take individual photographs of the children. This will be organised in a safe way that enables social distancing to be maintained. This year, all photos will be individual. We will not be able to offer any sibling or groups shots. If you do NOT want your child to have their photograph taken, please contact the school office.

### Events

Whilst we are unable to invite you in to events such as 'Come and Share' as we usually would, we are still aware of key dates coming up such as 'Children in Need', Anti-bullying week and Christmas. We are currently planning what we will do in school (safely) for each of these and more. Watch this space for more information after half term - although we may well keep our Christmas ideas a 'Virtual surprise'.

All that is left for me to say is 'Happy half term'. Stay safe all! We will see the children back in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Mrs Harris & Mr Darling

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# News from around the school....



## EYFS

This week in Early Years we have been looking at Autumn. We have been learning about which animals you may see and those that are getting ready for hibernation before Winter. We have noticed how the leaves are changing colour and falling from the trees. We have been using some of the fallen leaves to do some crafts and pictures in class. Nursery have been looking at hedgehogs and where they live. We painted our own hedgehogs and made some of our own using pine cones.

In Reception we have read the story 'Hedgehugs' and written some lovely sentences linked with the story. We have started to look at red words and used some in our sentences. In maths we have been learning about bigger and smaller and also 2D shapes. The children looked at the properties of different shapes and found shapes in and around the classroom.

Outside, Mr. Gardner has made us a brand new sandpit and we have loved playing in it. We have also been very creative with our construction items and have enjoyed making lots of roads and ramps for the cars and diggers.

Well done Early Years on a great first half term at school. Wishing everyone a happy and safe half term and we can't wait to see you all when we are back in school.

## YEARS 1 / 2

The key stage 1 classes have been working incredibly hard to finish their kinetic sculptures this week and we are incredibly proud of the results. We have had great fun learning new skills and experimenting with bending and twisting wire.

In maths both year 1 and year 2 are starting to look at addition and different methods for this. Why not ask us about number bonds and what we have found out about adding two numbers together.

The children are all looking forward to a well earned half term break - they have coped incredibly well and adapted to so many changes this half term.

If you are looking for activities over the break, don't forget the POWER Projects that we sent home. Please post pictures of these on Dojo. There is also some information on Class Dojo to help with spellings.

Thank you for all your help and support of both us and your children this half term, we hope you all have a lovely break.



## YEARS 3 / 4

Wow - we can't believe that it's half term already! The children have continued to work hard this week. The focus in maths has been on addition and subtraction. We've started renaming - ask the children what they have learnt about this! I wonder if they can explain it in a diagram?!

In Theme, we've continued to use coordinates to locate famous car manufacturers in Coventry. We've begun to learn about Ska music - ask your child what they have learnt so far!

We would like to say a big thank you for all your support this half term and wish all the children a restful half term holiday.  
The 3/4 Team

## YEAR 5 / 6

What a brilliant week we have had! The children in Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed their final week before half term. They have particularly enjoyed designing and creating earthquake-proof structures. Children had the chance to design and test their models. Lots of the structures successfully survived our classroom earthquake!



During half term, we would like the children to continue to read every day. They can use Timestable Rockstars to practise the times tables that have been set by class teachers. Children will also bring home their weekly spellings, which can be practised in their Reading Diaries or Learning Journals.

It has been great to see some wonderful POWER Projects being shared! We have seen lots of super earthquake and volcano research so far. Please continue to upload these to Class Dojo.

Have a restful half term.  
The 5/6 Team

## MERITS FROM TODAY



Ducklings	Charlie has made massive progress coming in to nursery and joining in.
Robins	Sienna-Rose has tried really hard with her letter formation this week.
Wrens	Alicja shows such lovely care and concern for her peers and is a delight....
Sparrows	This week Jack has shown brilliant understanding of our story in English.
Hummingbirds	Everyone in Hummingbird Class has been SO impressed with Evie-Mae.
Eagles	Lilah is always willing to try and not afraid to make mistakes...
Owls	Joe has been an absolute superstar since returning to school.
Peacocks	Wow Jakob, what a wonderful start to Year 6! Keep up the good work!



## CLASS ATTENDANCE

Class	%
Robins	88.0
Wrens	96.6
Sparrows	96.3
Hummingbirds	95.5
Eagles	96.3
Puffins	93.9
Owls	94.3
Peacocks	93.0
Whole School	93.5

Half Term 26th October—30th October.  
Teacher Training day 2nd November.  
Children return to school 3rd November.

## Learning Environments at Whittle

Over the summer and during the start of this academic year, Whittle staff having been working really hard to ensure our school looks really bright, colourful and engaging - celebrating our new vision and values. From the artist who has transformed our Reception entrance area, the new withdrawal space in the middle of the school called 'The Nest', to the new hessian backed displays popping up all around school to ensure our children's work is the centre-piece of the display, we feel our school looks extremely warm and welcoming. As we are not able to invite adults into school at the moment, we have taken a few pictures to show you what we have been up to. We hope you like them!



Our new withdrawal space near the dining room where children can complete their work or spend time with friends during lunchtime clubs.



Artwork linked to our disaster's topic in Years 5 and 6.



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