

# Whittle Weekly

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## LATEST COVID INFORMATION

Thank you for being vigilant and spotting coronavirus symptoms.

- 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,

It has been another busy week for us at Whittle. Firstly, it was great to see children looking so smart on Tuesday for their school photographs and wearing big smiles on their faces. Thank you.

This week our assemblies have been around showing CARE for our learning by being resilient. We watched a film called 'Austin's butterfly', about a boy who made his drawing of a butterfly better and better by listening to feedback from his classmates and sticking at it. The importance of 'keeping going' when learning is tricky, or having the drive and determination to make learning outcomes the best they can be, is something we are trying to instill at Whittle. Have a look at the clip at home if you want to find out more.

[www.bing.com/videos/search?](http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=austbutterfly&&view=detail&mid=E3EA8A429DA76CA06035E3EA8A429DA76CA06035&rvsmid=131BFB75CF09AC6547E3131FB75CF09AC6547E3ins+&FORM=VDRVRV)

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We also did some work with the children around road safety this week. Children were reminded of how to cross the road safely at all times. Please remind children of this at home.

This week, we carried out a review of reading at school. It was so lovely to be able to talk to some of the children about their reading books and hear them read. They were so enthusiastic about reading and enjoyed sharing their reading diaries with us. Thank you for reading with your child at home and encouraging them to read. If I were to choose one thing most likely to impact on children's learning, it would be reading as much as possible.

Unfortunately, due to GDPR restrictions we are unable to supply you with class lists of names for children to write Christmas cards to their classmates. Sorry that this is not possible.

Next week we will be starting to open our 'Classroom Advent Calendars'. Behind each door will be a mixture of activities children can have a go at that day which aims to support pupil wellbeing and positive mental health. We are looking forward to seeing what is behind door number 1. Look out for our new CARE stickers, too, that children can receive.

As an Inspire team, staff across all schools are also taking part in a new challenge to get us a little more active. We are aiming to work together to walk, run or cycle 813 miles between now and mid-March and will be raising money for the Trussell Trust. Any words of encouragement for those like me, having to get their running shoes out, would be greatly appreciated!!

Anyway, that's all for now! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Harris & Mr Darling.



### Take a look at this week's book!

This week we listened to the story

'The Huey's in the new jumper' which is linked to our Anti-Bullying sessions.

Scan the bar code to listen together at home.



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# News from around the school....



## EYFS

Nursery have continued to look at the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have focused on cutting this week and have enjoyed lots of activities to help us with this, such as cutting spaghetti, wool, paper, Play Doh and straws. Keep practising this very important skill at home.

A big thank you to the parents that have put things up on tapestry, especially the children reading and sharing their new home school books. The children have loved seeing it in class and talking about it.

In Reception we have been looking at the story Pumpkin soup. We have made and used some great story maps to help us remember important features of the story such as characters and setting. We even made up actions to help us retell the story, see if the children can retell the story at home. In class, we made our very own soup, we all tasted it and we are pleased to report that it was yummy!

## YEARS 1 / 2

The children in KS1 have been designers and creators in their theme lessons this week. They have designed and made a sock puppet which they will use to produce puppet shows with their friends. The Wrens and Sparrows have started reading 'One Ted Falls out of Bed' by Julia Donaldson. Ask them to retell the story in their own words. In Maths, Hummingbirds have moved on to looking at multiplication focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



## YEARS 3 / 4

It's been a creative week in Phase 3/4! The Year 3 children have made some fantastic clay tiles in their theme lesson. We're waiting for them to dry before we paint them so keep an eye out for their final product!



Meanwhile, the Year 4 children have been designing their own service station snack - a toastie! They made two designs and then selected their final product to make. Ask your child what ingredients they will be using!

This week is Road Safety Week and the Year 3 children are using the opportunity to write road safety instructions.

The Year 4 children made some fantastic posters - see if you can see them around school!

## YEAR 5 / 6

Year 5 and 6 have been continuing their learning about 'Disasters' this week.

In Year 5, we listened to a brilliant song written by a group of children, all about caring for our planet. We were impressed with how the choir chose to use music to raise awareness about pollution across the world. If you'd like to listen at home, search for 'BGT SOS from the kids' on YouTube and enjoy!

Year 6 are exploring the natural disaster that happened in Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupted. Children are using their research and knowledge of the shocking event to write their own newspaper articles! Owls class have also been working hard to re-write The Highway Man poem into a short story. Look out for these over the next few days - they will bring them home for you to read!



## MERITS FROM TODAY



Ducklings	Sanjh sits beautifully on the carpet and engages well in all activities.
Robins	Gracie, You have been a superstar learner this week!
Wrens	Olivia's reading has been amazing and we are all so impressed with her.
Sparrows	Catalina has wowed us with her phonics this week. Well done.
Hummingbirds	Shavain, for the wonderful way he has settled into life at Whittle!
Eagles	What brilliant maths we are seeing from Nadezhda!
Puffins	We were particularly impressed with Martin's expanded noun phrases!
Owls	Ellie has demonstrated her enthusiasm for poetry and drama.
Peacocks	Sophie, your efforts at home with your Power Projects are superb.



## CLASS ATTENDANCE

Class	%
Ducklings	90.2
Robins	95.8
Wrens	97.7
Sparrows	93.3
Hummingbirds	93.7
Eagles	94.2
Puffins	94.5
Owls	98.0
Peacocks	93.5
Whole School	94.6

## Upcoming Dates:

Friday 4th December—Last day to order the Christmas Dinner. Please email [admin@whittleacademy.org](mailto:admin@whittleacademy.org) to place an order.

Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day.

Friday 18th December—Break up for Christmas! Children return to school on the 5th January 2021.