



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter  
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### Thank you- Reading Cafe

We were delighted to welcome a number of parents into school on Tuesday for our first Reading Cafe. The children loved having an audience while they read their books and participated in 'book tasting'. Feedback from parents was how lovely it was to see the children learning in their classrooms. We will be inviting you back for many more 'shared learning sessions' so keep an eye out for dates at the bottom of the newsletter each week.







### **Homework**

You should have had an email or Bromcom notification about Homework this week. Children in Years 1-6 will have brought home a CPG book (oak class homework will start next week). Each week on this newsletter in the Learning this Week section, the teachers will say which page(s) to complete. There is also an English piece of homework for the children to complete if you wish - we would also strongly encourage daily reading. If you have any questions then please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

### **Parking on the Zig Zags**

Please be aware it is prohibited for people to park on the zig zag lines outside of school. We are seeing an increasing number of families parking there and would politely ask that you park elsewhere. We know the parking around school is challenging, but there are neighbouring streets and a large car park at the recreation ground that can be considerably used.

### **Learning in school this week:**

**Oak Class:** It has been a busy week in Oak this week:

EYFS have been learning the sounds x and y, whilst practising our blending skills.

YR1 and 2 have been learning the alternative spellings for the 'ur' sound, such as 'ear' in earth, search and 'or' in worst, and worm.

We have also embarked on our new topic of 'What's up there?' looking at the Wright brothers and the first powered aircraft, this has really sparked our young historians and aircraft enthusiasts, we have looked at various aircraft through history and building our own aircraft in our creative area. We have found some great books in the school library which has linked to our English lessons looking at non-fiction books and how they can help us to discover more about our topics and interests.

### **Oak homework:**

Continue to read at home and practising sounds using their phonics tags. Homework books will be sent home next week.

**Willow Class:**

This week in Willow class, we have started our new English unit based on the explanation text, 'The Street Beneath My Feet'. The children have found it very interesting do discover the underground world and what actually happens below the surface!

We have also been investigating sound and how we hear. The children learnt about the different parts of the ear and what our ears are used for.

In art this week, we have continued with our Henri Rousseau topic, which involved looking at a piece of artwork called 'Jungle in Paris', and picking apart the different elements of the painting, and then experimenting with water colours to try and see how many different shades of green we could make.

Finally, we have been learning about Brazil in geography; understanding the difference between human and physical features, where some of the best places are to visit and why Carnival in Rio De Janeiro is so important to the people of Brazil.

**Willow homework:**

Year 3- First, Red Book pages 2-3 and workbooks pages 6- 7 in pencil

Year 4- First, Red Book pages 2-4 and workbooks pages 6-8 in pencil.

I encourage workings and these can be done in your new homework books. The red study books have questions in too that you may wish to answer.

**Birch Class:** Birch Children have reflected on the week together. Ayden said, "I really enjoyed learning about how Emperor Penguins survive in the harsh winters," and we discussed how the facts have transferred into our non-chronological report. Also, Evie commented that geography was something that she has found interesting when learning about city features and making comparisons between a UK city and an American city. Finally, the class are pleased to have mastered adding and subtracting fractions. We are having a break from this for now and have moved onto units of measurement. I would encourage revisiting fractions at home!

In French, this term we are focusing on the home. The children are welcome to bring in a photo of their home/ bedroom on Tuesday if you wish to give permission, however, this is not a necessity as I have photos of other homes and rooms to use.

**Birch homework:**

Year 5- First, Red Book pages 1-3 and workbooks pages 6- 7 in pencil

Year 6- First, Red Book pages 1-3 and workbooks pages 6-7 in pencil.

I encourage workings and these can be done in your new homework books. The red study books have questions in too that you may wish to answer.

**Merit Cards**

This week we have been inundated with a number of children achieving their Bronze Certificate for collecting 10 merits - well done to everyone!!

**Upcoming Dates**

Monday 19th February - Half Term week

Have a lovely weekend

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