



Lion Class Newsletter

Hi Parents/Carers,

Just a quick note from Miss Parr to say thank you so much for your amazing support over the last two weeks, whilst we all settle into year 4. I can't wait to see what the children achieve this year as part of Lion class!

Firstly, what a brilliant start we've had to Year 4 in Lion Class! The children have settled in, and we've already begun building our class charter, setting rules and expectations, and learning all about each other, which is helping us create a positive and supportive environment to learn. We are working hard in maths, looking at number place value, and we are learning all about a Baker by the Sea – a story of a small village located by the sea. We have been working hard and having some fun along the way. I look forward to continuing to get to know each other. Well done for making a brilliant start to the year!

English

We have begun exploring our first text, 'Baker by the Sea' by Paula White, looking at themes of community and dedication. The children have adopted a role within the village and have written speeches defending their profession and the needs of the character. They have examined how sentence types can create inspiring and detailed descriptions, as well as used conjunctions for sentence development. As we begin our final piece of writing for this story, the children will have an opportunity to showcase their amazing writing. I am so excited to see their creativity shine through their writing.

Maths

In maths, we are working on counting up to 10,000 and looking at number place value. The children are comparing numbers and values. They have been assessing missing numbers in patterns and we have been focusing on rounding to the nearest 1000, 100, and 10 using the rule of rounding 5 or more, let it soar, 4 or less, let it rest. The children are embracing this and working hard to apply the rule to their rounding. I have been so pleased with the resilience shown so far!

Reading

Through our guided reading sessions, we have started 'How a lighthouse works' – a non-fiction text teaching all about different areas of a lighthouse. The children have started using specific terminology relevant to the topic, as well as looking at the features of a lighthouse and studying the famous Cordouan lighthouse in France.

Science

In science, we have started our first topic 'Living Things and their Habitats', exploring vertebrates, invertebrates, and what makes something a living thing (maybe ask them about MRS GREN!) The children will have an opportunity to explore this topic further by creating an eco-friendly bug house to see what they can find in our school environment.

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

Reminders

PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Can we please ensure children are wearing school uniform and PE kit on PE days. Also, please encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars to practice their times tables and read their books at home so they can quiz on Accelerated Reader.

A kind reminder that we are a healthy eating school. Where possible, can lunch time and break time snacks be healthy options, where possible.

Rights respecter of the week: Lilia Clarke-EJuren

Star of the week: Mya Graham

**Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Parr**