



Year4

Shark Class Newsletter

- **Year 4 is off to a flying start in Shark Class!** The children have settled in so well and are already working together on our new class charter. Setting these shared expectations is helping us build a wonderfully supportive and positive learning environment. I can't wait to get to know everyone better. Huge congratulations to the children for a brilliant start to the year!
- A huge well done to everyone in Shark Class and parents and carers for great attendance. We had the best attendance in KS2 and as a reward we had an extra playtime

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 looked at roles within the village and thought about how important they are. They have examined how sentence types can create inspiring and detailed descriptions, as well as used conjunctions for sentence development.

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 finding missing numbers in patterns, finding the greatest and smallest numbers and using the symbols correctly.

Reading

During guided reading, Shark Class has started exploring the non-fiction text, '**How a Lighthouse Works**'. This book gives the children a closer look at the different parts and functions of a lighthouse. The class is already doing a great job using technical words relevant to the topic, identifying key features, and studying the history of the famous **Cordouan lighthouse** in France.

Science

Shark Class has dived into their first science topic, 'Living Things and their Habitats'! We've been exploring vertebrates, invertebrates, and the signs of life (ask them about **MRS GREN!**). The children are also looking forward to a hands-on project: building **eco-friendly bug houses** to explore the wildlife hidden around our school grounds.

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

Academic Excellence

Well done to the following children who have been our 'Workers of the Week'

- ❖ Steve M, Dougie M

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.
- 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.

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