



## Cheetah Class Newsletter

What a brilliant start to the half term! The children have shown fantastic dedication to preparing for their SATs and are working incredibly hard in class. This is a short half term and we only have **two weeks left until the Easter break**. It won't be long before the children sit their SATs - can you believe how quickly the year is going!

**SATs will take place from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May**, so please make sure your child is in school during this important week. As always, **attendance is extremely important**.

Our **Year 6 football team** recently completed their final fixtures in the Prescot League. The team entered the last set of matches **unbeaten** and knew that a win would secure a place in the **Knowsley Finals**. After maintaining their unbeaten record, they finished **joint first**, meaning the champions had to be decided by a play-off match. Despite dominating the game, the match went to penalties and we were narrowly beaten. The team should be incredibly proud of their effort and determination, and they will now go on to **represent Prescot in the Knowsley Championships**. Well done to everyone involved!

### English

In English, we have continued developing our **narrative writing skills** in preparation for writing our own **adventure stories based on natural disasters**. This week, the children have been analysing different narratives and planning their own stories. Next week, they will begin writing their final pieces - I'm really looking forward to reading their exciting ideas and creative writing.

### Maths

This week we began learning about **algebra**. At the start of the week many children thought algebra might be difficult, but their confidence quickly grew! We have been exploring **patterns and sequences using letters** and using our knowledge of the **four operations** to help solve algebraic expressions and equations.

### World Book Day

Last week we celebrated **World Book Day** with lots of fun activities. Children came to school in their **pyjamas** and enjoyed **buddy reading**, including visiting the nursery to share stories with younger children.

Staff also joined in the fun with our very own "**Masked Reader**", where teachers disguised their voices while reading stories and the children had to guess who was behind the mask! To finish the day, pupils voted for their favourite class books and enjoyed listening to a story read by a **different teacher**. It was a wonderful day celebrating reading and sharing a love of books.

### History

In History, we have continued learning about the **Windrush Generation**. This week the children explored the reasons why people from the Caribbean travelled to Britain on the **MV Empire Windrush**. They have been discussing why Britain was seen as a place of opportunity and what life was like for those arriving in a new country.

### PE

Last week, **Everton in the Community** delivered an engaging session focused on **aspirations and goal setting**. The children discussed their ambitions for the future and thought about the challenges they might face when moving on to **high school**, as well as strategies to overcome them. The session finished with some enjoyable **football skills activities**.

Due to PE being the whole of Thursday afternoon, **PE day is now Thursday**.

### Attendance

Our **Friday tuck shop** continues each week. Each week, all pupils who achieve **100% attendance** will be entered into a raffle, and **two children from every class** will be selected to receive a complimentary treat from the Friday Tuck Shop.

In addition, we will be working towards a **whole-class reward** for pupils who maintain full attendance throughout the term and are present every day.

We kindly ask that children arrive at the classroom door by **8:40am**, as this is when our Early Bird Maths session begins. This additional learning time plays a key role in strengthening mathematical understanding and addressing any gaps.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's aim high and work together to make Cheetah Class the strongest attending class in the school.

### **Homework**

Thank you so much for the support you are providing at home. The extra practice with reading, spellings, times tables and SATs revision tasks is making a noticeable difference.

This consistent effort now will pay off massively as we get closer to SATs.

### **Stars of the Week**

- **Rushvin R-** for always following the Whiston Willis Way and setting a great example.
- **Hallie FM-** for giving 100% into her work this week
- **Lily A-** always looking out for others.
- **Ellis H-** for being a joy to teach.
- **Tom L-** resilience.

### **Important Dates**

- **Monday 16th March – Thursday 19th March** – Year 6 Assessment Week
- **Friday 20th March** – Year 6 Gymnastics Trip to the M&S Arena
- **Friday 27th March** – School closes at **3:10pm** for Easter break
- **Monday 13th April** – School reopens at **8:40am**
- **Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May** – Year 6 SATs Week

**As we move forward, please continue to encourage regular revision at home while also reminding the children of the importance of rest and balance. They are working incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves.**

**Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Please feel free to catch me at the door if you would like to discuss anything, and remember to follow our school Facebook page for updates and snapshots of our learning.**

**Miss Jennings**