



## Lion Class Newsletter

This week in Lion Class, we have been working hard to strive to achieve the best in our work and around school. We have been reminding ourselves of The Whiston Willis Way—being **Respectful, Responsible, and Safe**, and the children are addressing this in their actions. We are earning class points for demonstrating this behaviour and embracing our new emotions and feelings scheme, recognising our emotions and how we can appropriately demonstrate them. Well done Lion's!

### Guided Reading

Year 4 have continued reading *The Story of Flight*, a non-fiction text exploring the history of aviation from early flying machines to modern aircraft and space travel. The children have developed key reading skills including retrieving information, summarising main ideas, using headings and glossaries effectively, understanding vocabulary in context, and making inferences about the challenges and achievements of significant inventors. We have learnt about famous inventors of aviation and how these aircrafts were used for both exhibition and in the first world war.

### Science

The children are moving onto looking at food chains in Science and how each part of the food chain has a role to play in the survival of different species. The children are embracing learning all about animals and living things and the complex dynamics of ecosystems.

### English

The children are finishing their final write in English, following our book "The Crown." The class have produced beautiful pieces of writing, creating their own Book of Wonders, where they explain about different animals from the land, sea and sky. They have explored ways to protect the environment, whilst developing writing of similes, present perfect tense, and fronted adverbials. I can't wait to see the result, where they are publishing them, concentrating on handwriting and presentation!

### Maths

This half term in Mathematics, Year 4 will be focusing on Fractions. The children will learn to recognise and show equivalent fractions, count up and down in hundredths, and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. They will also develop their understanding of fractions as part of a whole and as quantities, solve problems involving fractions, and make links between fractions and decimals. Throughout the unit, pupils will be encouraged to explain their reasoning clearly and apply their knowledge to a range of fluency and problem-solving activities. The children will be moving into decimals soon and using their new fractions knowledge to explore how to demonstrate them using decimal numbers.

### Certificates

- **Star of the Week:** Evelyn Young
- **Rights Respector of the Week:** Willow Holden

### Reminders and Key Dates

- **PE Days:** Monday & Friday
- **Spelling Test:** Every Friday

Please continue practicing on TT Rockstars and encourage regular reading at home to support Accelerated Reader quizzes.

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**Miss Parr**