



Shark Class Newsletter

Only two more school days before the children have completed their first half term in shark class! The class has worked incredibly hard this half term, settling in, building those relationships and working towards achieving their very best in their academic achievements. I am so proud of what we have achieved together so far! The children have finished their first book in English and Guided Reading, completed two full chapters in maths, and worked hard in PE improving their dance and fundamental skills! The children have all had a brilliant start to the year, and I'm so excited to see how they continue to progress in the next half term!

English

- We are now deep into our expedition to Antarctica in Shackleton's journey, with the children describing the barren landscape and writing in their diary about their experiences so far. The children are embracing their character as crew members and writing some moving and impressive pieces. Keep it up explorers!

Maths

- In maths, we've completed our first chapter that focused on rounding, and we have now completed our chapter on Addition and Subtraction within 10,000. The children have been learning different methods to add, including using number lines, column addition, base 10 blocks, and part-whole models. We've also used counters and place value charts to support our learning. We have looked at word problems and how the children apply their addition and subtraction methods to a longer problem. The children have found this challenging at times, but have shown amazing resilience towards figuring out the problem. We will be moving on to multiplication and division in the next half term.

Reading

- We have now completed *Zombierella* and have moved on to exploring the world through Poems from a Green and Blue Planet. The children have learnt about proverbs, personification and met a character called Emily Hurricane. They have explored the poems and worked on picking out key features, such as stanzas and rhyme.

Science

- The children's bug traps we set were a success! The children were able to provide a new home to a snail, a spider, a woodlouse, and a worm before returning them back into their natural habitat in the school grounds. Discussing living things and what makes them what they are has been an amazing learning opportunity for the class, including fun, practical activities. They have learnt about classification keys and how to group animals into their characteristics, whilst discussing how the choices we make that impact the environment can impact habitat changes.

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

Certificates

Star of the Week: Laure C

Rights Respector of the Week: Zach R

Reminders

PE days are **Tuesday** 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, thank you.

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.

**Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Williams**

