



Shark Class Newsletter

Issue 1

Messages

Hello and welcome to Shark class' first newsletter of the academic year 2023-2024!

- At home, children should have weekly access to Accelerated Reader, Freckle Maths, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars. These form part of children's weekly homework tasks, in addition to weekly spellings.
- This year, children will be completing their National Times Tables Assessment. Please remember to encourage children to practice and learn their times tables at home, particularly the 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. This half-term, we are focussing on the 6 and 12 times tables in school.

Reminders

- Our PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Guided Reading

- ❖ Shark Class have been reading the book 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. Last week, children made predictions based on the front cover and explained the author's choice of vocabulary. This week, they have made inferences from the text and explained with evidence.

English

- ❖ Children have been reading the book 'The Mermaid of Zennor' by Charles Causley. Last week, children made predictions. This week, they have used the present perfect tense to write a letter; used 'because/ as/ since' to give reasons; and, used a range of fronted adverbials.

Maths

- ❖ Children are learning about 'Numbers to 10,000', where they have already: counted in hundreds and twenty-fives; counted in thousands; counted in thousands, hundreds, tens and ones; used place value; and, compared and ordered numbers. Throughout this topic, children will also make number patterns; round 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10 or 100; and, round numbers to estimate.

Science

- ❖ In Chemistry this half term, we are learning about 'Practical Skills'. Children will find the answers to the lesson questions:
What is a variable? How do you draw a scientific diagram? Why is a method important? What can we do with the data we collect? How can we communicate our results? How can we record an entire investigation?

Geography/ Design Technology

- ❖ Children are learning about 'The North West' in Geography and 'Linkages and Levers' in DT.

More details on the rest of our school's curriculum can be found on our next class newsletter.

News

Academic Excellence

- Worker of the Week Awards = **Arusnan** and **Hallie**
- Reading Awards = **Tosin** and **Arusnan**
- Rights Respecting Schools Awards = **Brooklynn** and **Demi**
- PE Awards = **Elsie** and **Miles**

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Thank you for your continued support,



Mr Phillips

