



Shark Class Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring 2 half term! The children have returned with fantastic attitudes and have settled quickly and confidently back into school routines. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and the effort they are putting into all areas of the curriculum. They have been working incredibly hard, showing focus, resilience, and a positive approach to new challenges.

Guided Reading

This half term, Year 4 will be 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 will develop 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.

Science

This half term in Science, Year 4 will be learning about the digestive system. The children will explore the different parts of the human digestive system, including the mouth, oesophagus, stomach and intestines, and understand the role each part plays in the process of digestion. They will also learn about the different types of teeth and their functions, as well as how food is broken down and nutrients are absorbed. Through investigations and practical activities, pupils will develop their scientific enquiry skills by observing, asking questions and explaining their findings using scientific vocabulary.

English

This term in English, Year 4 will be reading *The Crown*, a powerful and beautifully illustrated story set in a future world affected by pollution. The story follows a girl whose "crown" is made from the waste of previous generations, encouraging important reflection about caring for our planet. Inspired by this text, the children will develop key writing skills including writing for a clear purpose and audience, organising ideas into well-structured paragraphs, using expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials, choosing ambitious vocabulary, and accurately applying punctuation such as inverted commas and apostrophes. They will also plan, draft and edit their work to improve clarity and impact.

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.

Certificates

- **Star of the Week:** Laurie C
- **Rights Respector of the Week:** Harry F

Reminders and Key Dates

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

Please continue practicing on TT Rockstars and encourage regular reading at home to support Accelerated Reader quizzes. Well done Sharks for the effort you have put into TT Rockstars this week!

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Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Williams