



Lion Class Newsletter

I can't believe we're already over halfway through Term 1! The children have finished their first book in English and Guided Reading, completed a full chapter 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 coming weeks!

English

- We have completed our first text, 'Baker by the Sea' by Paula White, and have written amazing travel brochures telling people to visit this historic and resilient village. We have started our expedition to Antarctica in Shackleton's journey, with the children writing applications and interviewing to be part of this adventurous and courageous crew.

Maths

- In maths, we've completed our first chapter that focused on rounding, and we are now working 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. The children have been using their knowledge of the previous chapter to estimate their answer before using a method to confirm the answer. It's been lovely to see the children being kind and helpful while working with others, sharing their methods to work out the more difficult sums, like addition using mental strategies.

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 had an opportunity to look at the names of the poems we are going to explore, and discuss what they may be about. It has been amazing to see them using their imagination and creativity to complete this!

Science

- This week, the children checked their bug traps we set last week to see if they had caught any invertebrates. Fortunately, the children were able to provide a new home to a snail, a spider, a woodlouse, and a worm before returning them back into the natural habitat in the school grounds. Discussing living things and what makes them who they are has been an amazing learning opportunity for the class, including fun practical activities.

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: Charlie Burke

Rights Respector of the Week: Emilia-Jane Clark

Well done to Finley Dobie and Emilia Davis for being elected as our Lion Class school council representatives for this year!

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.

We will be collecting food donations again for the local food bank and any donations will be collected during the Harvest festival in October. Please drop these at the main office or send them in with your child to give to the class teacher.

A kind reminder that we are a healthy eating school. Where possible, can lunch time and break time snacks be healthy options, where possible.

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

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Parr

