



Shark Class Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the academic year! Time has flown by, and I am incredibly proud of the progress the children have made so far. They have shown enthusiasm, resilience and a real commitment to their learning, and it has been a pleasure to see their confidence and skills continue to grow.

Next week in English, our lessons will focus on poetry as part of Children's Mental Health Week. The children will explore performance poetry, discussing how poets use words and voice to express thoughts, feelings and experiences. They will then have the opportunity to create and perform their own poems, inspired by their home city of Liverpool. This unit encourages creativity, self-expression and confidence, while supporting pupils' emotional wellbeing.

In Maths, the children have now completed their unit on reading and writing bar graphs and line graphs. They have developed their skills in interpreting data, creating graphs and explaining what the information shows. Next half term, the children will begin their new topic on fractions. In line with the Year 4 National Curriculum, they will learn to recognise and compare fractions, explore equivalent fractions, understand mixed numbers and improper fractions, and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

In Science, our current topic in Biology is teeth. As part of our learning, the children are learning to identify and describe the different types of human teeth and their functions, as well as understanding the importance of good oral hygiene. They will also explore how teeth are linked to digestion and compare human teeth with those of other animals, considering how teeth are adapted to different diets.

Children's Mental Health Week is a national event that aims to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. It encourages children to talk about their feelings, develop resilience and understand how looking after their mental health is just as important as caring for their physical health. Whiston Willis will use this week to promote positive wellbeing through discussion, creativity and supportive activities.

Certificates-Congratulations to our certificate winners this week: **Aliza** and **Layton**

Homework- Please continue to practice TT Rockstars and to aim to read for 5-10 minutes per day.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require any support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams