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# Lion Class Newsletter

**Welcome back**

Welcome back to my new Lion Class! How lucky I am to be your teacher this year! We have had a fantastic first week together and, after what has been a challenging 18 months, the children have been incredible – displaying resilience, commitment and pride in their learning! It is amazing to have the children back and doing what they love – learning, building relationships and developing as future citizens!

**English**

- Our new sequence of learning is based on the book 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman which is set during the Viking era. The children have already demonstrated a fantastic understanding and have made links with the Viking learning a lot of them completed last year. They have loved discussing the way the Vikings lived and how they used to raid and invade in their long ships. But were they simply fierce, blood-thirsty warriors? Ask your children…

**Maths**

- All children have come into school each day, settling straight into Early Bird Maths – a great way to start the day and to warm our brains up! In maths, all children have started learning around their understanding of place value: year 3 with 3-digit numbers and year 4 with 4-digits numbers. Year 4 have counted in 25s, 100s and 1000s and Year 3 have used part-part whole models to partition numbers with 3 numerals.

**Science**

- This half-term, Lion Class are learning scientific enquiry skills through our topic called 'Practical Skills'. They will learn about what makes a fair test and about controlled, independent and dependent variables. Ask your child what makes a fair test?

**Geography**

- The children are learning all about coasts and seas and we began by talking all about the seaside and coastal areas of the UK. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing the beautiful coastal areas you and your children had been to over the holidays. They will also learn about the human and physical features of these coastal areas: including cliffs, coast, waves and tides.

**PSHE**

- In PSHE, we are learning about 'Being Me in My World' – we will be developing our class charter based on the UN rights of a child. Children will be learning about what makes a good citizens which links to our school vision of learning for life.

## News

**ScootFit**

Wow! The children thoroughly enjoyed our Scootfit session this week and were able to perfect their skills on the scooters – I think we have some future professional scooting champions on our hands! We also enjoyed rapping and dancing along to the music during lunch and break!

**Clubs**

Excellent news! Extra-curricular clubs can recommence. Letters were sent out on Thursday offering children of all ages a wide selection of clubs. If your child would like to attend a club, please sign up as soon as possible using the correct QR code as places are limited.

**GoRead**

This year, we are moving our home reading records electronically. Thank you to all the parents who have already engaged with our new online reading record system. This is a fantastic way for teachers, parents and pupils to record daily reading. If you require any more information please do not hesitate to ask.

**PE**

Children can attend school in full Whiston Willis PE kits on Wednesday and Friday – if your child does not have full Whiston Willis PE kit then they are to attend school in uniform and change in to a suitable kit for PE. Trainers may be worn.

## Important Dates

Friday 17th September 2.30pm – Lion Class Welcome Meeting

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow **@MrsPender1** and @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.

**Thank you for your continued support**

**Mrs Pender**