



Shark Class Newsletter

What a wonderful and eventful Autumn term we have had in Shark Class! It's been a term full of challenges, hard work, and progress, and I couldn't be prouder of how the children have embraced each lesson and task. They have worked so hard, supported each other, and made incredible strides in their learning. As we approach the festive season, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support throughout the year. I truly appreciate everything you do, and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break, and a Happy New Year!

As we approach the end of term, there are, and have been lots of Christmas events! We recently had a fantastic Christmas movie night where the children enjoyed watching a Christmas movie with their friends, a perfect start to our festive celebrations. On the 11th Dec, we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day and enjoyed our Christmas dinner together. Additionally, we've had a Christmas card competition, which concluded today, and I want to wish the best of luck to everyone who participated. Your creativity and festive cheer have been wonderful to see!

- In Maths, we have started chapter 4 which focuses on using written methods to multiply and divide. I'm so proud of the progress of our class, and I know that regular practice at home has really helped reinforce these skills.
- In English, we've started to write our stories based on the story "Winter's Child" by Angela McAllister. The children have learnt how to use descriptive vocabulary such as noun phrases and prepositions, to describe settings and characters. Additionally, we have been learning how to write and punctuate dialogue.
- In Guided Reading, Our class have been enjoying the nonfiction book *How Does a Lighthouse Work?*, which has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. The children have been exploring how these impressive structures guide ships safely at sea and learning about the science, engineering, and history behind them. They were especially fascinated by the powerful lights and clever mechanisms that help lighthouses shine through storms and darkness. It has been a wonderful way to connect reading with real-world learning!

It has been a wonderful start to Year 4, and I've thoroughly enjoyed speaking with all of you during Parents' Evening week. We will endeavour to speak with all parents who have requested a phone call by the end of next week. Your support and involvement in your child's learning are so appreciated, and I look forward to continuing to work together in the New Year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I'm always here to help in any way I can.

Have a wonderful Christmas and new year!

Mrs Williams