



## Cheetah Class Newsletter

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break. It's hard to believe we are already starting such an important year for the children. This is the year they will complete their **SATs** and also the year they leave primary school and move on to high school. The children have returned with a fantastic attitude and are already working incredibly hard. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we begin this exciting and challenging final year together.

Please remember to follow our school Facebook page to keep up to date with important announcements, reminders and snapshots of the fantastic learning taking place in class. It's a great way to stay connected and see what the children are getting up to each week.

### English

We have started an exciting new class text, *Resist* by Tom Palmer. The children have been learning about the Dutch Resistance during World War II and have written persuasive posters encouraging people to join the resistance, using strong language and historical understanding.

### Guided Reading

In Guided Reading, we have begun our new book *The Little Match Girl Strikes Back* by Emma Carroll. We are exploring life in **Victorian times**, focusing on child labour and what it was like for children who sold matchsticks on the streets.

### Maths

We have now **completed our chapter on decimals** and are moving on to **measurement**. The children are applying their learning to practical problems and developing their confidence with units and conversions.

### Science

In Science, the children have been carrying out **experiments linked to measurement**, focusing on accuracy, units and recording results carefully.

### Art

In Art, we are developing our observation and sketching skills by drawing fruit. The children are using magnifying glasses to closely observe details, texture and shading.

### PE

This half-term we are learning about gymnastics and dodgeball.

- PE days remain **Wednesday and Friday**.
- Please come to school in full PE kit on both days.

### Attendance

We are pleased to introduce our new Attendance Challenge for this term. Each week, all pupils who achieve **100% attendance** will be entered into a raffle, and **two children from every class** will be selected to receive a complimentary treat from the Friday Tuck Shop.

In addition, we will be working towards a **whole-class reward** for pupils who maintain full attendance throughout the term and are present every day.

We kindly ask that children arrive at the classroom door by **8:40am**, as this is when our Early Bird Maths session begins. This additional learning time plays a key role in strengthening mathematical understanding and addressing any gaps.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's aim high and work together to make Cheetah Class the strongest attending class in the school.

### Uniform, PE and Healthy Schools

- PE Days: **Tuesday and Friday** - come to school in full PE kit.
- PE Kit: Plain white top or Whiston Willis PE top, navy or black joggers/leggings, and a plain navy hoodie or Whiston Willis hoodie. **Children must not wear branded tracksuit items or clothing with logos for PE.**
- Uniform: Full correct school uniform must be worn daily, including black school shoes.
- Healthy Schools: Please provide healthy snacks for break time and nutritious packed lunches if your child is not having a school dinner. Too much sugar at break is making it harder for some children to concentrate in lessons, so let's work together to make healthy choices.
- Birthdays: Please note that we can no longer accept birthday cakes in school due to allergies.

## **Homework**

Thank you so much for the support you are providing at home. The extra practice with reading, spellings, times tables and SATs revision tasks are making a noticeable difference.

This consistent effort now will pay off massively as we get closer to SATs.

## **Clubs**

New clubs for Spring 1 have been sent out. Please sign up using the app.

## **Sats Prep**

Morning invitations for **Maths SATs boosters** have now been sent out. These sessions provide valuable extra support and are already making a difference.

In addition, **after-school SATs boosters** will take place every **Thursday after school**. Please remember to **sign up on Friday** if you would like your child to attend.

## **Stars of the Week**

- **Elsie**- For consistently showing respect to others, listening carefully to different viewpoints and demonstrating responsibility by making positive choices in and around the classroom.
- **Lila**- For outstanding effort and determination in learning, showing a positive attitude and always trying their best, even when tasks are challenging.

## **Important Dates**

- **28th January** – PC Hazel Talk: *Police Uniform*
- **3rd February** – PC Hazel Talk: *Hate Crime*
- **11th May** – **SATs Week**

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember you can follow our class updates on **X (@MissJenningsWW)** for regular photos and news from our learning journey. Please do not hesitate to grab me at the door or ring the school should you want to discuss anything.

**Thank you for your continued support**

**Miss Jennings**