



Welcome back to a new term! I hope you all had a wonderful break with your families and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term in Lion Class. I am so proud of how well the children have settled back into their routines. They have jumped straight into their learning with enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see their hard work and focus. This week, we had another fantastic football tournament at Flinch Farm. A huge well done to the boys and girls who represented our school so brilliantly – you showed great teamwork and sportsmanship! As always, if you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to get in touch.

### English

In English, we are continuing our work on Tutankhamun. The children have written fantastic newspaper reports for the *Whiston Willis Weekly*, detailing the discovery of his tomb. They have really enjoyed researching the history of Ancient Egypt and are showing great curiosity about the topic. Next week, we will begin writing bibliographies on Howard Carter, exploring his incredible journey and discoveries.

### Maths

In Maths, we are about to complete our chapter on time and will be starting our new chapter on decimals. The children are doing a great job so far, and we will be building on their understanding over the coming weeks. As the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) approaches, please encourage your child to practice their times tables daily. Logging into TT Rockstars is a fun and effective way for them to keep improving their speed and accuracy. Once a day can make such a big difference in building their confidence.

### History

In History, we are learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children are excited to explore this fascinating period of history, from the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons in Britain to their way of life, including their culture, beliefs, and important historical figures. We'll be looking into their stories and the impact they had on shaping the country we know today.

### Science

In Science, we have started our new topic on Space. The children are fascinated by the wonders of our solar system, and we've begun exploring the planets, stars, and the moon. We will be learning about the Earth's position in space, the concept of orbits, and much more. It's an exciting topic, and the children are already asking some great questions! We will be using some incredible resources available to us so the children can really understand space and the dynamics.

### Certificates

- **Star of the Week:** Sage Woodland for showing an amazing attitude towards her independent learning and producing some excellent pieces of work.
- **PE Star of the Week:** Una Astles for her wonderful dedication and sportsmanship at the Football tournament on Wednesday.
- **Reader of the Week:** George Ward-Nolan for working hard to improve his reading ability, highlighted in the latest star reader assessment.
- **Rights Respector of the Week: Charlie Woodward** for looking after their classmates and being a considerate member of the class.

### Reminders and Key Dates

- **PE Days:** Monday & Thursday
- **Spelling Test:** Every Friday
- **Home learning:** Please continue practicing on TT Rockstars and encourage regular reading at home to support Accelerated Reader quizzes. Children may benefit from some spelling practice to further their development.

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

**Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to more amazing opportunities this term. Miss Parr**

