



Lion Class Newsletter

Just like that we are nearly at half term! The children have settled in and worked really hard this term, and I am so proud of the progress they have made so far.

We have completed two books in our guided reading, exploring fiction and non-fiction, more recently learning all about the Vikings and how they lived. In maths, we have completed two chapters covering rounding, number place value, addition and subtraction! We have learned all about our world in geography and what it is made of, enjoying listening to the song all about the seven continents. It has been a brilliant half term and I can't wait to see what we can achieve next half term!

Quick note to say thank you so much for your continued support over the past few weeks whilst we all settle into year 4. I hope the children enjoy this time off to rest, ready to get started again once we return!

English

We have completed two texts this half term: Cinnamon and Mermaid of Zennor. Through these texts, we have explored different writing styles, themes and concepts. The children have been tigers, sailors, mermaids and more, writing in character and in varied styles. We have dropped letters in the ocean, wrote diary entries confessing our feelings and wrote poems that truly wowed Miss Parr! To finish Mermaid of Zennor, the children have created their own legend characters and will finish by writing their own legend. They have focused on conjunctions, fronted adverbials, adjectives and so much more... we certainly have been busy!

Maths

In maths we have been working on our subtraction and using column method to support us. The children have focused on subtraction with renaming, to ensure the knowledge is embedded, looking at problems that require them to work out the difference. The children are continuing to recognise number place value, as they use their counting and knowledge of the value of the digit to support with this subtraction. The children are working on TT rockstars to support their times tables and have enjoyed Fred the Red in class to support learning their six times table. Thank you again to you for support with TT rockstars, I have challenged the children to access TT rockstars and work on their times tables and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Reading

Through our guided reading sessions this half term, we have completed a fiction and non-fiction text, more recently looking at how the Vikings lived in Viking Voyagers by Jack Tite. We have explored their social systems, their deities, the way they lived, what they ate and so much more. The children have loved learning all about the Vikings and have produced some wonderful questions and pieces of work demonstrating their new knowledge. This text shows off some wonderful pictures and diagrams that the children have enjoyed exploring and learning more about.

Science

In science, we are coming to the end of our topic on phases of matter, exploring solids, liquids, and gases. This week was our final week with LFC Foundation completing the STEM workshop and the children have loved working with the leader and the Sphero bots. They have created some wonderful stories using the robot, controlling where it goes, what it does and what noises it makes. The children have learnt so much in these sessions and we have been incredibly lucky to have this opportunity. It has been a pleasure to see the children explore something new and they have thoroughly enjoyed it!

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website www.whistonwillis.co.uk

Certificates

Rights respected of the week-

PE Star-

Reader of the week-

Star of the Week-

Reminders

PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**, so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

Also, please encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars to practice their times tables and read their books at home so they can quiz on Accelerated Reader.

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 have a lovely half term break.

Miss Parr

