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# **Lion Class Newsletter**

This week in Lion Class, we have been working hard to strive to achieve the best in our work and around school. We have been reminding ourselves of The Whiston Willis Way—being **Respectful**, **Responsible**, and Safe and the children are addressing this in their actions. It has also been British Science Week, and we've had lots of fun taking part in exciting investigations and experiments! The children showed great curiosity and teamwork while exploring different scientific concepts. Head to Twitter to see some great photos of this taking place!

#### **English**

On Friday, we made a bizarre discovery... a robotic hand! This led to some thought-provoking discussions about where it might have come from and what its purpose could be. The children used their imaginations to construct detailed descriptions and theories, incorporating adverbials to improve their writing. They also worked on structuring their ideas clearly and engaging in powerful discussion and questioning.

## **Maths**

We have started our chapter on decimals and the children are applying knowledge from other topics to support with their learning, including rounding and number place value. The children are embracing this new learning and are showing resilience and patience when they are struggling to understand this chapter. Well done Lion Class, keep working hard and you will master this!

#### PE

This term, we are focusing on cricket, working on both individual skills and teamwork. We have been practicing our underarm and overarm throwing, with an emphasis on accuracy and control. The children have also started playing small cricket games, learning the basic rules of batting, bowling, and fielding. As we progress, we will be looking at developing tactics and refining our technique in preparation for full matches.

## **Science**

Our topic on space has generated a lot of interest with the children and we have answered some wonderful questions about the mysteries of space. We have been looking at the order of the planets and their characteristics, discussing key facts such as their size, distance from the Sun, and surface conditions. We have used mnemonic devices to remember the planets and delved into the depths of this amazing and interesting topic!

## **Certificates**

- Star of the Week: John Dadson for working hard in his lessons and being proactive in his own learning, as well as supporting other members of the class.
- PE Star of the Week: Scarlett Rowlands for always ensuring children are involved and supported in our PE sessions.
- **Reader of the Week:** Antonia Howard-Charalampous for engaging in guided reading lessons, as well as reading for pleasure at home and in school.

• Rights Respecter of the Week: Olivia Foy for being respectful and modelling the Whiston Willis Way to other members of the class and wider community at school.

# **Reminders and Key Dates**

• **PE Days:** Monday and Thursday

• **Spelling Test:** Every Friday

- **Home learning:** Please continue practicing on TT Rockstars and encourage regular reading at home to support Accelerated Reader quizzes.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Production (In School)
- Friday 21st March: Chester Zoo Workshop (In School)
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Chester Zoo Trip.

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