



Lion Class Newsletter

What a wonderful and eventful Autumn term we have had in Lion 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 the end of term draws near, we have some important news to share. Our wonderful teaching assistant, Miss Yeoman, will be retiring at the end of next week. Miss Yeoman has been part of the Whiston Willis family for many years, and she has worked with so many children, including some of our pupils' older siblings. Miss Yeoman will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best as she enters this exciting new chapter in her life, and we thank her for all her hard work and for the lasting influence she's had on our pupils.

As we approach the end of term, there are lots of exciting Christmas events to look forward to! We recently had a fantastic Christmas movie night where the children enjoyed watching *The Christmas Chronicles*, a perfect start to our festive celebrations. On the 16th, we'll celebrate Christmas Jumper Day and enjoy our Christmas dinner together as a class. 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!

- This term, we've been lucky to have the Liverpool Foundation come in and teach us basketball. The children have absolutely loved these sessions, and it has been amazing to watch them work as a team and support each other in learning something new. I've been incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm and determination, and I know they've enjoyed learning new skills and putting them into practice.
- In Maths, we're nearing the end of Chapter 4, where we've been focusing on multiplication and division. The children have worked hard and are now confidently multiplying three-digit numbers, which is a significant achievement. I'm so proud of their progress, and I know that regular practice at home has really helped reinforce these skills.
- In English, we've started our exciting new text, *Shackleton's Journey*. The children have been fully engaged in the story, and they've taken part in some fantastic activities. They picked their crew names out of a hat, researched their characters, and applied to be part of Shackleton's crew. They've written telegraphs to their families, created detailed diary entries, and described the setting of Antarctica. The children are thoroughly enjoying the story and are doing an amazing job applying their creativity and knowledge to their work.
- In Guided Reading, we've been exploring *Poems from a Green and Blue Planet*. The children have particularly enjoyed reading about Sulbin and his sea adventure as well as the nonsense of the Jumblies—ask them to tell you all about it!

It has been a wonderful start to Year 4, and I've thoroughly enjoyed speaking with all of you during Parents' Evening 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.

Certificates

Star of the Week: Scarlett Rowlands for their positivity and enthusiasm in all lessons.

Reader of the Week: Destiny Irikefe for showing great perseverance and working hard during phonics and guided reading sessions.

Rights Respector of the Week: Aaron George for being excellent role models in supporting their classmates.

PE Award: Benjamin Dannatt for their focus and determination during basketball sessions.

Reminders and Key Dates

Christmas Jumper day & Lunch: Scheduled for Monday 16th December.

End of Term: Friday 20th December.

PE Days: Monday & Thursday.

Homework: Keep up the fantastic work on TT Rockstars, and please encourage reading at home for Accelerated Reader quizzes.

Own Clothes Day: Friday 20th December.

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Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Parr