



Lion Class Newsletter

What a brilliant start we've had to Year 4 in Lion Class! The children have settled in, and we've already begun building our class charter, setting rules and expectations and learning all about each other, which is helping us create a positive and supportive environment to learn. We have been enjoying exploring different topics in our circle time- a favourite so far being what superpower would they choose and why? We have been working hard and having some fun along the way. Well done everyone – keep up the good work!

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 can't wait to see what the children achieve this year as part of Lion class!

English

We have begun exploring our first text 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman, discovering how we can use our senses to show how the character Cinnamon is feeling. The children have written diary entries writing from Cinnamon's perspective, which has allowed them to portray her emotions, thoughts and feelings. They have been exploring how to use a wide range of writing styles, as well as conjunctions to connect their ideas together. It has been amazing to see their creativity shine through in their writing.

Maths

In maths, we are working on counting up to 10,000 and looking at our number place value. We have been focusing on rounding to the nearest 1000, using the rule of rounding 5 or more, let it soar, 4 or less, let it rest. The children are embracing this and working hard to apply the rule to their rounding. We are working on our times tables and I am impressed at the children working on TT Rockstars to further their knowledge of these – keep it up Lion class!

Reading

Through our guided reading sessions, we have started 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. We have been exploring Lila's journey to Mount Merapi to retrieve the secret to being a Firework Maker and the children have considered what different fireworks she makes sound and look like. They have enjoyed discovering the ingredients for Lila's fireworks and have used this enjoyment to further their writing – focusing on synonyms, inference and understanding words in context. We are excited to find out more about her adventure.

Science

In science, we've started our new topic on phases of matter, exploring solids, liquids, and gases. This week, we have been extremely fortunate to have the LFC Foundation in for STEM workshops about engineering, including work with mini cars, which the children absolutely loved! There will be photos from the workshop on Twitter, and we're all looking forward to next week's session.

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- Scarlett Rowlands for always being respectful in class so the children can access their right to education.

PE Star- Aria Ashton for listening to instructions and following our PE rules.

Reader of the week- Antonia Howard-Charalampous for her contributions to our guided reading sessions.

Star of the Week- Aaron George for consistently being polite and hardworking in class.

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
Miss Parr

