



## Lion Class Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and got plenty of rest ready for this term! The children have settled back in amazingly, and we've had an exciting and very busy couple of weeks. It's fantastic to see them so engaged and eager to continue their learning. This week, we've also been focusing on Anti-Bullying Week, with some great discussions and activities centred around kindness, respect, and inclusivity. The children have shared thoughtful insights on how we can all help create a supportive environment, both in and outside the classroom. We have started our new story Varjak Paw, and the children are captivated by Varjak's journey so far! They're eager to see what lies ahead for Varjak and where his adventures may take him.

### English

- In English, we've been exploring our new text, *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold. The children have written some beautiful bird poems focused on the theme of freedom, connecting to our discussions from Anti-Bullying Week. Next, they'll be working on their own playscripts, and I can't wait to see how they bring their ideas and characters to life!

### Maths

- In Maths, we've moved on to multiplication and division, focusing on the 6, 7, 9, and 11 times tables. We're learning about the commutative law (ask your child to explain it-they're doing great!) and other strategies to strengthen their skills. The children are enjoying using songs to help them remember these times tables, as well as completing their weekly times tables grid in class. Please encourage regular practice on TT Rockstars at home to reinforce what we're working on in class.

### Reading

- In Reading, we are exploring the song, *Born This Way* by Lady Gaga. The children have led incredible discussions about the language in the song and it has been amazing to see how the children recognise that everyone is different and how much they embrace this in the lessons. These lessons have been a wonderful way to discuss acceptance, linking with our Anti-Bullying Week activities.

### Bullying Workshops

- This week, we had a special visit from Altru Drama for an anti-bullying performance and workshop. The children engaged in meaningful discussions about kindness, respect, and inclusion, tying in perfectly with our focus on creating a supportive classroom environment.

### Liverpool Foundation:

- We are lucky to have Liverpool Foundation back in school this term, teaching the children basketball! We are excited to continue the sessions with the Liverpool Foundation every Thursday. The children's enthusiasm and teamwork has been outstanding! As a reminder, PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**, so please ensure they come to school in their kit.

### Certificates

**Star of the Week:** John Dadson for working hard to complete his work and for trying his best.

**Reader of the Week:** Zach Thomas for being proactive in his reading, taking books home to finish and asking to complete quizzes.

**Rights Respector of the Week:** Sophia Dankwa for choosing to do the right thing in class and around school and always choosing to be responsible, respectful and safe.

**PE Award:** Logan Tomkins for working hard in our LFC Basketball sessions.

### Reminders and Key Dates

**Anti-Bullying Week:** We celebrated with Odd Socks Day and valuable class discussions about kindness and respect.

**Children in Need:** Thank you to everyone who joined us for "Own Clothes Day" to support this important cause.

**Parents' Evening:** This is scheduled for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please return your slip and let us know if you are attending school for a meeting, or if you would prefer a phone call instead W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

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

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**

