



## Shark Class Newsletter

What a fantastic and eventful Autumn term we have had in Shark 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 filled with joy and family time.

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. She has been the class TA for our children since Year 3, and her positive impact on the children has been immeasurable. 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 Santa Clause*, 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's been a joy to see them work together, building their teamwork and skills. I've been incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm and determination, and I know they've enjoyed learning new skills.

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 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:** Oliver CD and Alex for their positivity and enthusiasm in all lessons.

**Reader of the Week:** Forest and Noah for showing great perseverance and making thoughtful contributions during Guided Reading.

**Rights Respector of the Week:** Teddie-Mae and Lenny for being excellent role models in supporting their classmates.

**PE Award:** Evie, Elijah and Johnny for their focus and determination during basketball sessions.

### **Reminders and Key Dates**

**Christmas Jumper day & Lunch:** Scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**End of Term:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**PE Days:** Monday & Thursday

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

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

**Miss Jennings**