



Shark Class Newsletter

I hope you all had a restful half-term break! The children have settled back in wonderfully, 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're also halfway through Varjak Paw, and the children are captivated by Varjak's journey! They're eager to see what adventures lie ahead, and their enthusiasm for the story has led to some fantastic conversations about bravery, friendship, and resilience.

English

- In English, we've been exploring our new text, Tarr 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. 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. It has 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. We're excited to continue our basketball sessions with the Liverpool Foundation every Thursday. The children's enthusiasm and teamwork have been outstanding! As a reminder, PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**, so please ensure they come to school in their kit.

Certificates

Star of the Week: Amira TK and Oliver CR for consistently demonstrating our school values.

Reader of the Week: Teddie-Mae G and Noah J for working hard in our guided reading lessons.

Rights Respector of the Week: Seth W and Lottie C for showing respect and kindness to others.

PE Award: Joseph B and Simon K for their outstanding teamwork in our 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: Scheduled for December 4th. Please return your slip or let us know if you'd prefer a phone call instead.

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

Miss Jennings

