



Shark Class Newsletter

This week in Shark Class, we have been reminding ourselves of The Whiston Willis Way—being **Respectful, Responsible, and Safe** in everything we do. The children have had great discussions about what this looks like in school and how we can show these values every day. It has also been Science Week, and we've had lots of fun taking part in exciting investigations and experiments! The children showed great curiosity and teamwork while exploring different scientific concepts. Be sure to check out Twitter for some photos!

English

On Monday, we made an unusual discovery—a robotic hand! This led to some thought-provoking discussions about where it might have come from and what its purpose could be. The children used their imaginations to construct detailed descriptions and theories, incorporating adverbials to improve their writing. They also worked on structuring their ideas clearly and engagingly, writing an online blog documenting their findings and thoughts.

Maths

We started the week by completing a time review, and the children did so well! Following this, we began our new unit on money, where we have explored different denominations of coins and notes, rounded amounts, and made simple calculations involving money.

PE

This term, we are focusing on cricket, working on both individual skills and teamwork. We have been practicing our underarm and overarm throwing, with an emphasis on accuracy and control. The children have also started playing small cricket games, learning the basic rules of batting, bowling, and fielding. As we progress, we will be looking at developing tactics and refining our technique in preparation for full matches.

Science

Our topic on space has continued to generate a lot of interest. We have been looking at the order of the planets and their characteristics, discussing key facts such as their size, distance from the Sun, and surface conditions. A big thank you to the parents who looked out for the planetary parade and sent in photos—these helped the children visualize the alignment of the planets and understand more about their movement. To aid recall, the class has created a mnemonic to help remember the planets in order, using their own creative ideas.

Writing Club

Thursday Writing Club is full, and it has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm for creative writing each week. They have been working on their own short stories, developing characters, settings, and plots with great imagination. It's been lovely to watch their confidence grow as they share their ideas and experiment with different writing styles.

Certificates

- **Star of the Week:** Sialur-Jess M and Teddie-Mae G for consistently following The Whiston Willis Way, showing respect, responsibility, and safety in everything they do.
- **PE Star of the Week:** Honey S and Jack H for their excellent effort in cricket and for being great team players, supporting and encouraging their peers.
- **Reader of the Week:** Joseph P and Noah J for their dedication to reading and for promoting a love of books within the class.
- **Rights Respector of the Week:** Simon K and Ricci L for showing kindness by approaching classmates who are on their own in the playground and inviting them to play.

Reminders and Key Dates

- **PE Days:** Thursday & Friday
- **Spelling Test:** Every Friday
- **Home learning:** Please continue practicing on TT Rockstars and encourage regular reading at home to support Accelerated Reader quizzes.
- **Thursday 20th March:** Easter Production (In School)
- **Friday 21st March:** Chester Zoo Workshop (In School)
- **Tuesday 1st April:** Chester Zoo Trip.

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MissJenningsWW and @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.



Thank you for your continued support. As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Miss Jennings