



## Shark Class Newsletter

Wow, what a busy and productive couple of weeks it has been in Shark Class! I am continually amazed by the hard work and dedication the children are showing. From completing two Math's Reviews and practicing their multiplication skills to starting a new English text and showcasing their athleticism in a dodgeball contest, all the children have shown remarkable focus and enthusiasm. Alongside all this, they continue to live out the Whiston Willis values of being respectful, responsible, and safe. I'm so proud of the progress they're making in Year 4—both academically and personally. Here's a closer look at what we've been up to:

### English

In English, we've started reading our new text, *Winter's Child*, and the children have been fully immersed in the story. We've been working hard to create amazing noun phrases to bring our writing to life and exploring how dialogue is used to develop characters and advance the plot.

### Maths

We've started our new chapter on fractions, and Shark Class has shown incredible resilience as they tackle this important topic. Fractions can be tricky, but the children are rising to the challenge with determination and hard work. Multiplication fluency plays a big role in understanding fractions, so we kindly ask for your continued support at home by encouraging your child to practice regularly on TT Rockstars. This extra practice will help them excel and build confidence in their maths.

### Healthy Schools

We have recently become a Healthy School. This means our school menu has been changed to include more nutritious meals and desserts are fruit and yoghurt for majority of our week. We are hoping that parents can help support their children's healthy lifestyle by providing healthy snacks for break times and packed lunches are containing healthy options, with minimal sugar where possible.

### Polite Notice

A gentle reminder that school starts at 8:40 a.m, and the children complete 20 minutes of Early Bird Math's at the start of the day. This session is an excellent opportunity to build fluency and deepen their understanding, so we kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives on time. We understand that mornings can be hectic, but arriving promptly makes a big difference in their learning. Additionally, school ends at 3:10 p.m. If you are unable to collect your child at this time, we do offer after-school provision to support families. Please contact the office if you'd like to book. Thank you for your understanding and continued support!

### Certificates

- **Star of the Week:** Elijah W and Jack H for their incredible effort and positive attitude in all areas of learning.
- **Reader of the Week:** Alex K and Evie S for showing enthusiasm and improvement in their reading skills.

- **PE Star of the Week:** Archie D and Forest W for their outstanding effort in dance, dodgeball and gymnastics.
- **Rights Respector of the Week:** Amira TK and Ricci L for consistently showing respect and kindness towards others.

#### **Reminders and Key Dates**

- **PE Days:** Thursday & Friday
- **Spelling Test:** Every Friday
- **Homework:** Please continue practicing on TT Rockstars and encourage regular reading at home to support Accelerated Reader quizzes.

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**Thank you for your continued support. Miss Jennings**