



## Shark Class Newsletter

Wow! I can't believe we've reached the end of our first term! It has been a busy few weeks filled with lots of exciting learning, time has flown, and Shark Class has already accomplished so much this term. We have finished our first class reader, Anisha the Accidental Detective, and have just started Varjak Paw. The children are loving this new book, and I'm eager to see where our discussions and learning take us next. I'm so proud of their achievements this term, I hope you all enjoy half-term break.

### English

- In English, we are coming to the end of *The Mermaid of Zennor* by Charles Causley. The children have created flipbooks to bring their own aquatic characters to life, and they have started writing their own narratives based on these fantastic creatures. Their creativity has really shone through, and I'm excited to see the finished stories.

### Maths

- In maths, we have started working on the addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers. The children have been using a variety of methods, including number lines and column addition and mental strategies. It's been great to see how supportive they are of each other, especially when tackling more challenging concepts.

### Reading

- In Reading, we have begun the book *Vikings* and have been enjoying learning about the different Viking gods. The children have been fascinated by the myths and stories surrounding gods like Odin, Thor, and Freyja. We've had some great discussions about their powers and roles in Viking culture.

### STEM Workshops

- Our STEM workshops have now concluded, and the children absolutely loved them! We explored topics like artificial intelligence, colour, and technology. I've received glowing feedback about how wonderful Shark Class has been. Be sure to check Twitter for photos of our sessions in STEM!

### Homework Expectations:

- **Accelerated Reader:** Children should aim to finish one book and take one quiz per week/fortnight (depending on book length).
- **TT Rockstars:** As Year 4 students will be taking part in the multiplication check this year, it's important they practice regularly. I've challenged the children to do five minutes a day, but feel free to adapt this to suit your family's schedule (e.g., 10 minutes, three times a week, or 30 minutes once a week).

### Certificates

**Star of the Week:** Joseph P and Archie D for consistently demonstrating our school values.

**Reader of the Week:** Oscar J and Ryan J for working hard in our guided reading lessons.

**Rights Respector of the Week:** Ruby P and Evie S for showing respect and kindness to others.

**PE Award:** Johnny D and Ricci L for their outstanding teamwork in our boot camp sessions.

### Reminders

PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**, so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Also, please encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars to practice their times tables and read their books at home so they can quiz on Accelerated Reader.

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

**Thank you for your continued support**

**Miss Jennings**

