



Shark Class Newsletter

What a fantastic start we've had to Year 4 in Shark Class! The children have settled in wonderfully, and we've already begun building our class charter, which is helping us create a positive and supportive environment for everyone. In our class reader sessions, we've been thoroughly enjoying Anisha the Accidental Detective. It's been great to see the excitement around this book grow each day. We've also been having a lot of fun with Super Movers, particularly mastering the 6 times tables with Fred the Red—keep up the great work, everyone! Thank you so much for your continued support over the past few weeks. I can't wait to see what the children achieve this year!

English

- We've begun exploring our new text 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman, using our senses to show how the character Cinnamon feels. The children have written some brilliant tiger poems based on the text, and it's been wonderful to see their creativity shine through in their writing. This week, the children have started writing a diary from Cinnamon's perspective, which has allowed them to portray her emotions and thoughts. Through this, the children have been using a wide range of conjunctions to connect their ideas and express complex feelings.

Maths

- In maths, we've been working on counting up to 10 000 and have begun rounding numbers, which the children have picked up quickly. We've also been practicing our 6- and 9-times tables, and I'm very impressed with how many children have taken on the challenge of using TT Rockstars for 5 minutes a day—keep it up!

Reading

- In guided reading, we've started 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. The class had a lot of fun discovering all of Lila's firework ingredients around the classroom and making inferences about what the fireworks could sound and look like. We've been focusing on synonyms and understanding words in context, and the children are excited to find out more about Lila's journey!

Science

- In science, we've started our new topic on phases of matter, exploring solids, liquids, and gases. This week, we were fortunate to have the LFC Foundation in for STEM workshops about engineering, which the children absolutely loved! There are some photos from the workshop on Twitter, and we're all looking forward to next week's session.

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website www.whistonwillis.co.uk

Certificates

Rights respected of the week- Simon for consistently respecting the rights of others with kindness and helpfulness.

PE Star- Amira for demonstrating excellent teamwork.

Reader of the week- Elijah for his exceptional dedication to reading.

Star of the Week- Noah for his daily commitment to TT Rockstars.

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



