



Shark Class Newsletter

I can't believe we're already halfway through Term 1! The children have finished their first two books in English and Guided Reading, completed a full chapter in maths, and we're only five chapters away from finishing our class reader, *Anisha the Accidental Detective*. The children have all had a brilliant start to the year, and I'm so excited to see how they continue to progress in the coming weeks!

English

- We've finished our work on *Cinnamon* by Neil Gaiman, and the children produced some fantastic diaries from Cinnamon's perspective. This week, we've moved on to *The Mermaid of Zennor* by Charles Causley, where we've been investigating the mysterious disappearance of a character and making predictions about who the missing person could be. We've also been learning more about Zennor in Cornwall, using research skills to dive into its history. The children wrapped up the week by writing thoughtful letters to the mermaid.

Maths

- In maths, we've completed our first chapter and are now working on Addition and Subtraction within 10,000. The children have been learning different methods to add, including using number lines, column addition, base 10 blocks, and part-whole models. We've also used counters and place value charts to support our work. It's been lovely to see the children being kind and helpful while working with their partners, especially when tackling more challenging concepts like adding with remaining.

STEM Workshops

- We've continued with our STEM workshops, thanks to the Liverpool Foundation. The children have really enjoyed learning about AI, colour, and technology, and there are still three more sessions to go. It's been fantastic to see their excitement and curiosity grow with each workshop!

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). We are currently focusing on the 7 times tables and squared numbers.

Certificates

Star of the Week: Honey S and Scott H for consistently demonstrating our school values.

Reader of the Week: Alex K and Oliver CD for their excellent efforts with Accelerated Reader quizzes.

Rights Respector of the Week: Jack H and Sialur-Jess M for showing respect and kindness to others.

PE Award: Forest W and Seth W for their outstanding teamwork in football.

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.

As a school, we will be collecting food items for the local food bank. (non-perishable foods- packets, tins, etc.). We would be grateful for any donations. Please bring in donations by 10th October, which is the date of our Harvest Assembly. Thank you.

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



