



# WINHILLS

## Year 4 and Year 5

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### English

In English, the children have written letters in role as the explorer Douglas Mawson. They learnt how to use and include the techniques of relative clauses and fronted adverbials. They also learnt how to use commas correctly to separate the clauses. This week, the children have learnt about figurative language including similes, metaphors and personification. They used these techniques to write a group poem and an independent poem about Antarctica.

#### Maths

In Mrs R's Maths Class, the children have been looking at different coins and learning about their values. The children have then moved their learning on to understand about the equivalence of pennies and how these can be converted into pounds.

In Maths with Mrs Burns, we have been continuing our learning about division. This week, the children have looked at a new written method to divide 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. The children have worked incredibly hard on the short method to divide, which is also known as the bus stop, and have grown in confidence. After half term, we will be moving on to measurement.

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, we have started our second fraction unit. We have multiplied unit and non-unit fractions by integers and then multiplied mixed number fractions by integers. We also had to use our previous learning of converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions.

#### Science

In Science, the children have been continuing to learn more about our new topic, Electricity. After half term, we will look at the dangers of electricity before moving our learning on to explore how different circuits operate. The children are now aware of the equipment they need to use to create circuits and their next challenge will be to see how they can enable a circuit to work effectively.

#### Topic

Recently, the children have written a comparison piece comparing the explorers Christopher Columbus and Robert Falcon Scott. They have then continued their learning about exploring Antarctica by looking at this region on a map and drawing comparisons with the Arctic. In addition, the children have then had a look at what it is like to be an explorer, including the equipment they would need to take on an expedition.

#### Reminders

There will not be any spelling homework over half term. However, everyone must still complete 45 minutes of Maths Whizz and 15 minutes of TT at least. Year 4 have their multiplication checks in June so it is very important that they practice.

Please also read daily with your child and ask them questions about what they have been reading. Even though they are capable and independent readers, it is still important to hear them read and discuss what they are reading to ensure they understand. Please write and sign your child's reading diary. There will be extra dojo points for children who complete extra work! If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**