



# WINHILLS

## Year 6

# Fortnightly Newsletter

### Maths

In Maths, Year 6 have been working hard to consolidate their knowledge of fractions using all four operations and have looked to incorporate problem solving into their work. Following this, they have found equivalent decimals and percentages before solving problems by using all three. In addition to this, the children have continued to develop and refine their arithmetic skills as they continue to become more fluent with both mental and written arithmetic.

### English

In English, the children have really enjoyed the start of our book, Shackleton's Journey by William Grill, following the voyage of Sir Ernest Shackleton to Antarctica in 1914. To start the unit, the children researched and created information reports about Antarctica including learning about the geography, wildlife and location of the continent. Since then, the children have written letters of application to join the voyage, letters of rejection to unsuitable candidates, and diaries in the role of a crew member once the voyage has started. After half term, the children will continue to use the text as inspiration to write a number of different pieces.

### Science

In our science lessons, the children have started to look at the human body. To start the topic, the children have been looking at different food groups and the impact they have on the body. Using this knowledge, the children have been looking at the food wheel and created recipes for a healthy, balanced meal, before getting to make and taste a mini-pizza and a mixed salad. The children really enjoyed the session and could talk at length about the different ingredients used.

## Foundation Subjects

This term, Year 6 have been looking at the continent of Antarctica alongside our work on Ernest Shackleton. The children used laptops to research facts and gather information, before creating posters. The children will now be using the topic as inspiration in other areas such as in art and DT. In DT, the children have started to design and create a pop-up book based on Antarctica, and have looked at the different mechanisms required at each stage.

In PE lessons, the children have continued to develop their skills in gymnastics and fitness, and have used their science topic of the human body to investigate the impact of exercise on our body.

On Friday afternoons, Mrs Street has continued to teach French, but after half-term will now be working with another year group. The children have loved their sessions and we hope they look forward to continuing their language learning later in the year.

## Reminders

Thank you for sending the children with their PE kit each Wednesday and reminding them to bring their water bottles each day. Please also remember to send the children with a coat each day as the weather is getting much wetter and colder.

**Homework:** a reminder that English homework is set on a Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. This will include both a written and a spelling task. Maths Whizz will continue from Monday-Sunday (45 minutes), plus 15 minutes of TT Rock Stars. Children need to be reading at home for at least 15 minutes per day. Homework in Year Six is particularly important to embed good home learning routines before secondary school.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**