



WINHILLS

Reception and Year 1

Newsletter

Busy learning

Our learning for the last two weeks has been based around the theme of space. We read the story 'The Great Balloon Hullabaloo' where the characters travelled to space to buy things on their shopping list, including items for pizza! Inspired by this, the children have designed, made and eaten their own pizzas and role-played a pizzeria service too. They have also used their design technology skills to design, make and evaluate a moon buggy. The moon buggy had to have moving wheels so we watched videos for ideas and then used a hacksaw to get their axles the right lengths for their vehicles. They made some fantastic creations!

The children have also spent some time learning about the life of Neil Armstrong. They learnt about what he did before landing on the moon as well as his historical importance of being the first person to land on the moon.

Outside, the children have been enjoying the sunshine! They have been chalking sentences and words on the playground, practicing their bat and ball skills and sanding down some of our furniture ready to paint.

Mathematics

The children spent last week revisiting arrays for multiplication. They had word problems to listen to before using counters and drawings to make arrays to work out the answers. They Year 1's recorded their findings using multiplication sentences and practiced counting up in 2's, 5's and 10's as well.

This week, the children have focused on subtraction. They began using resources to see how many were left before moving onto number lines to count back accurately. They have written number sentences to match. The Year 1's have also jumped back to 10 and then counted back, beginning to use number facts to work out answers more quickly.

English

Writing has continued to be a focus for all the children. They have written lists for their pizzas, recorded their findings when investigating parachutes and straw rockets, and labelled their moon buggies. They have also written new parts of a story called 'The Rocket Ruckus' following the pattern of our focus book. This week, we have practiced rhyming words to create some space-themed poetry. We have even sang some of the poems with the piano.

The children have continued to learn new sounds in phonics. Reception have continued learning digraphs, most recently 'oo', 'ar' and 'air' and Year 1's have been practicing their split digraphs 'a-e', 'e-e' and 'i-e'.

Reminders

We had our practice for sports day on Wednesday 6th July and our proper sports day is in the afternoon on Wednesday 13th July. Please could all children come into school in PE kit with earrings removed on these Wednesdays. We look forward to seeing you coming to support your children. Please also remember to send your child in with a water bottle, sunhat and coat every day.