



WINHILLS

Reception and Year 1

Newsletter

Busy learning

We have spent the last two weeks of our learning based around animal habitats. The children have learnt about rainforest, arctic, savannah, ocean and grassland habitats. They have watched videos and looked at non-fiction books and atlases to find out more. Through these experiences the children have found out what animals live in the different habitats, what the weather is like, what grows there and what the animals eat. They have used this knowledge to create mini habitats and describe what they can see, feel, hear and smell in the different habitats.

Inspired by the book 'Call me Gorgeous' by Giles Milton about a made-up creature with different animal parts put together, the children have designed and then created their own creatures. They have collaged or junk modelled creatures with crazy features such as tortoise shells, elephant ears, flamingo legs and crocodile teeth!

Outside, the seeds the children have planted have begun to grow—they were very excited to see the first shoots coming through! We are looking forward to seeing them continue to grow, the children are taking great care of them.

Mathematics

For the last two weeks, the maths focus has been on multiplication and division. The children began by learning about halves and doubles by halving and doubling a number using practical resources, and have now moved onto grouping and sharing. They have used their knowledge to find answers to some real-life problems too, such as sharing the blocks or the lego and ensuring their groups are equal and fair.

The Year 1 children have taken their multiplication and division learning further by recording their findings, by drawing pictures and writing number sentences. They have listened carefully to word problems and found the information

English

The habitats that the children have learnt about have created a great source of information for the children to write about. They have imagined they are in the rainforest and used their senses to write descriptive sentences. This week the children have written clues about a habitat for their friends to guess where they are. The Year 1's have focused on adding adjectives into their sentences to add extra detail into their clues.

In phonics, the reception children have been focusing on consonant blends, as well as starting to learn the digraphs th, sh and ch. Year 1 have focused on spotting the digraphs they know in words and improving their speed when reading.

Reminders

Year 1 PE is on Wednesday's and Reception PE is on Thursday's; please make sure the children come to school in their PE kits and earrings are removed. Please also remember to send your child in with a water bottle and coat everyday.

We have noticed lots of new shoes with shoe laces. Whilst they are smart, please can you take some time to practice tying shoe laces with your child.