



WINHILLS

Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

English and Maths

Since the completion of the SATs test in Reading, Maths and SPaG, the children in Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their writing in **English**. This has included bringing all their learning together from over the past year and applying it to a variety of different styles of writing.

Over the past two weeks, the children have had the opportunity to write: instructional texts about how to get to 'Puzzle Castle'; newspapers reporting on a strange and bizarre event (a plague of flying toads invading a town); stories about a mysterious library; formal letters to the Prime Minister; and myths linked to our new topic of the Maya.

Within these pieces, the children were using their grammar knowledge to write detailed and descriptive pieces, using punctuation and spellings from the Year 6 curriculum accurately.

In our **Maths** sessions, the children have continued to consolidate their arithmetic skills before starting our transition work for secondary school in the coming weeks.

Foundation subjects

Following the completion of SATs, the children have enjoyed spending lots of time on our foundation subjects. Our new **history and geography** topic of the Ancient Maya has already captured the interest of the children. They have been learning about who the Maya were, their way of life, beliefs and culture, and even their foods (with a food tasting session!).

In **Science**, the children have enjoyed starting their new topic on Evolution, looking at fossilisation, adaptation, natural selection and the works of Charles Darwin.

On Friday afternoons, the children have enjoyed continuing their **French** session with Mrs Street, which will give them a refresher before moving to secondary school.

In **music**, the children have been looking at beats and loop patterns, using body percussion before creating their own songs using google music labs.

We have also had a number of visitors into Year 6: both Longsands and Ernulf schools have visited the pupils in preparation for transition days, and we have had a visit from Geoff Watts, a local magistrate to talk about Magistrates in

Reminders

Thank you for sending the children with their PE kit each Wednesday and reminding them to bring their water bottles each day. With the warmer weather finally here, please ensure your child has a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream applied.

Homework: the children have been given the task of designing a Maya temple for homework. The details were issued to the children and have been added to our Class Dojo page for reference. This is in addition to 30 minutes of reading per night and **at least** 15 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars per week.

Transition key dates:

Monday 26th June: Longsands and Ernulf Parent Transition Evenings (at the respective schools - not at Winhills)

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th June: Ernulf transition days (go straight to Ernulf, not Winhills)

Tuesday 27th June (only): Longsands transition day (go straight to Longsands not Winhills)

There are additional transition sessions for pupils with SEND and the school will contact families directly about this if necessary.

The children will be briefed before these days but please contact Miss Smith or Mr Gross if you have any questions about these days.

Nurture

Inspire

Flourish