



# WINHILLS

## Year 6

# Fortnightly Newsletter

### Maths

In Maths, Year 6 have continued to prepare for secondary school by refining their arithmetic skills. In addition, they have been looking at timetables and time—a key element of being ready for Year 7.

### English

In English lessons, the children have continued to work on writing and have been producing some excellent pieces of work. After writing a factual report about the town of St Neots, they have been writing biographies about the life of David Attenborough. This including researching and gathering information, before presenting it in their own unique styles. Over the next few weeks, the children will be completing descriptive writing, some cross curricular writing in science, and formal letter writing.

### Science

As this week has been Healthy Eating Week, Year 6 have linked their learning on the human body to healthy life-styles. This has included looking at the impact of exercise and a healthy diet, and the negative impact of alcohol and drugs on our bodies. In our evolution lessons, the children have been looking at the difference between inheritance and adaptation, and will be using this to analyse Charles Darwin's 'Theory of Evolution'.

## Foundation Subjects

In our topic sessions, Year 6 have started to look at our Geography unit of Rivers. So far, the children have been using maps and atlases to identify some of the world's great rivers, and have now started to find out more about the water cycle and the different features of a river.

In Art, the children have been using their zentangle art work to design and create a stamp, ready to use ink and rollers to create a printed repeating pattern.

Our PSHE sessions have been centred around transition to secondary school. After visits from various secondary schools, we had a visit from ACTIOS this week, who discussed feelings and emotions around transition, and how best to channel these thoughts. The children will continue to look at these themes, including making friends, following a timetable, and being prepared for their upcoming 'taster days'.

In PE, the children have continued work on achieving and beating their personal bests, as well as continuing to develop their skills in cricket, tennis and athletics.

On Thursday 14th June, the children were lucky enough to visit Bosch Rexroth for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) morning, which included activities on hydraulics and pneumatics. As part of the day, the children used balloons cars, hydraulics lifts and the Rexroth machinery. It was a fantastic morning and we are very grateful to Bosch Rexroth for their time and hospitality.

## Reminders

**Transition days for Longsands and Ernulf:** As you have already been notified, the children moving to Secondary schools in St Neots (Ernulf and Longsands) will spend Tuesday 28th June at their new schools. They will need to go straight there in the morning. The children who are going to other schools can attend Winhills on that day and visit their new schools when invited. The evening before (Monday 27th June), both schools will be hosting information evening for new parents where you will be able to ask any questions about moving to Year 7.

**Homework:** For the next few weeks, we would like the children to focus on their reading with diaries being checked every day. Words and lines for the end of year assembly and the children need to learn and practise these at home.

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