



# WINHILLS

## Year 6

# Fortnightly Newsletter

### Maths

The children have been working hard on developing their skills in the four operations, including both mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They have now begun to use these skills by looking at fractions. This has included using knowledge of factors and multiples to find equivalent fractions, and next the children will use this to add and subtract fractions with different denominators, including mixed number fractions.

### English

Over past few weeks, Year 6 have started a new class novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. The story follows a boy, Michael, who has been stranded on a desert island following him falling from his family's boat. This text has been used as a stimulus for writing, including letters and diaries, a range of descriptive pieces, and now the children are looking at non-chronological reports. Within these pieces, the children have been developing their SPaG knowledge which has included the use of adverbial/prepositional phrases, relative clauses, and colons and semi-colons in lists.

### Science

To finish our unit on 'Living Things and their Habitats', the children have been looking at micro-organisms including bacteria, viruses and fungi. Over the past few weeks, this has included researching different microbes and even designing a microbe (with some incredible artwork too!). This knowledge is now being put to good use with an investigation into growing mould, where the children are trying to find the best conditions for mould growth on bread, such as hot or cold conditions, or moist or dry, or light or dark. The children will be observing and recording results over the next weeks and writing their findings.

## Foundation Subjects

After the topic on our local area, the children have continued to use this knowledge in our next topic on extreme weather by looking at the geography of the world such as the names and locations of different continents, seas and oceans, and different countries and their capitals. They will next be looking closely at the Pacific 'Ring of Fire'.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their PE lessons on Netball and Tag Rugby with Mr Franco. They have also loved their fitness activities three afternoons a week which is building stamina through fun paired activities using skipping ropes, tennis rackets and footballs.

On Friday afternoons, Mrs Street teaches French (at which the children are really doing well) and Computing, where the children have been looking at search engines and how to best find and analyse the results of the searches they complete.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed visiting Cineworld in St Neots to see The Railway Children Return as part of the 'Into Film' film festival. They will be using this experience to complete pieces of writing next week.

## 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.

**Key dates:** Monday 14th November—Odd Socks day (for Anti-Bullying week). Friday 18th November—Children in Need day (spotty accessories). 24th November—craft night after school (sign up via the school office).

**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**