



WINHILLS

Year 1 and Year 2

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

This term, we have been looking at Quentin Blake's 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. We have explored the events in the story, discussed the characters and made predictions about what we think will happen in the story. They also looked at how Quentin Blake used lots of repetitive phrases in his writing and used these to plan and write our very own 'Mrs Armitage Queen of the Sea' stories. We have also been improving our handwriting and ensuring that our letters are of a consistent size in relation to one another. In particular, we have focused on the positioning of ascenders and descenders. In SPaG, they have gained a deeper understanding of nouns and adjectives and how to use these in their writing.

Year 1 Maths

In Maths, the children have been focusing on their position and direction knowledge. In Year 1, the children have explored giving and receiving directions using mathematical vocabulary such as: clockwise, anti-clockwise, left, right, quarter turn, half turn and whole turn.

Year 2 Maths

In Year 2, the children have been learning and refining their addition and subtraction skills. We have looked at new methods such as using tens frames, number lines and beginning to use column methods. The children are applying these skills to solve a range of number and word problems.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Materials'. We have started off by looking at what different types of materials there are. The children have been learning the different properties and identifying them. They have then used this knowledge to help them carry out a number of investigations based on finding the best material for a use.

Topic

The children have begun learning about the Seaside with brilliant enthusiasm. Already this term, they have learnt to identify differences between a seaside of the past and of current day. The children have used their geographical knowledge to begin to identify the man made and physical features of the local environment compared to that of a seashore.

Reminders

We change our reading books **every day**. Please can the children bring their books in every day to ensure they can be changed. Please aim to complete **five reads and a book talk** each week. This is an easy way for your child to earn Dojo points.

The children should be completing 30 minutes of Numbots each week. The children will be rewarded with Dojo points for completing their Numbots homework and for their reading.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.

We need cardboard egg boxes for our DT project. Please donate any you have to the KS1 team. Thank you.

Nurture

Inspire

Flourish