



WINHILLS

Year 1 and Year 2

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

In English, our work has been focused around the text 'The Pirates of Scurvy Sands'. We read the text and answered questions about the story. The children have been working really hard on improving the grammar within their writing. They have been using expanded noun phrases, a list of 3 for description and complex sentences using 'who' to add more detail and imagination to their writing. We also learnt how to using a variety of conjunctions (e.g. when, if, because, so) to extend our sentences. Finally, they have been learning how to change adjectives into adverbs. Then, they used their learning in our SPaG sessions to write descriptions about their own pirates and a letter to the pirates.

Maths

In Maths, the children have been learning about money. They have been identifying different coins and using these to make totals. In addition, they have been finding the correct coins to buy items and then calculating change. We then moved onto learning about fractions. The children have been finding and colouring fractions of shapes, including $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. We then moved onto finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a set of objects and an amount. They used their knowledge and understanding of division to be successful at this.

Science

Our topic is 'Plants'. We have revisited how to help plants grow well and keep them healthy. The children planned and carried out their own investigations to explore what conditions are best to grow cress in. The groups chose to remove water, light, soil or warmth from the seeds. We then watched to see how they grew in the different

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Topic

The children have begun learning about the Seaside with brilliant enthusiasm. Already this term, they have learnt to identify differences between seashores 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 have noticed that a number of children do not have a sun hat with them. They need to **bring a sun hat in every day**.

Nurture

Inspire

Flourish