



WINHILLS

Year 1

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

We have returned after the half term with the traditional tale of 'The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse'. The children have learnt the story and have been describing and comparing the two settings using their senses. They have loved using the word reflective in their writing this week to describe the calm water in the countryside. They have also begun to re-invent the story with a link to our ICE Zone topic about China. The Country Mouse is going to visit the City Mouse in Shanghai. We are really looking forward to the finished stories and I can't wait to see what the Country Mouse will like and dislike on his visit!

Maths

The children have been learning about place value to 100 in Maths. They have been recognising the numbers brilliantly and partitioning them into tens and ones. They then found one more and one less than a number. They loved playing bingo to practice this skill, they could only dab their number if it was one more or one less than the number that was called. There was much excitement! Finally, the children have used $<$, $>$ and $=$ symbols to show which numbers are less than, greater than or the same as other numbers.

Science

We have continued our science learning based around materials. The children have used their knowledge of properties of materials to design and make clothes for an explorer to wear in the rainforest. They thought about the material being warm or cool and decided it definitely needed to be waterproof. They then had great fun testing their clothes on a rainforest obstacle course outside before evaluating the results.

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 have to **complete 30 minutes of Numbots each week and their spelling homework**. The children will be rewarded with Dojo points for completing their homework.

PE is on Wednesday. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit and earrings are removed.

As the weather is sunny, please make sure you send your child in with a sun hat and water bottle every day. Please also name your child's jumpers and hats.