



# WINHILLS

## Years 2 and 3

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### English

In English, our work has been focused around non-fiction reports. The children have identified the features of non-chronological reports. They enjoyed using these features to create a fact file for a character from our class text 'Into the forest' by Anthony Browne. We have been really impressed, with how they have researched and organised information into sub-headings. The children have finished the unit by researching and writing a non-chronological report for an animal of their choice. Our grammar focus for the start of this term has been around improving their understanding of expanded noun phrases and the use of conjunctions in their sentences.

Our Guided Reading lessons focus on VIPERS which stands for vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and sequence. The children listen to part of a story and each day focus on a different strand of VIPERS.

#### Maths

In Maths, the children in Year 2 have been learning about money. They have used their prior learning to add and subtract money. After that, they have now moved on to learning new methods for multiplication and division. In Year 3, the children have now finished their topic on multiplication and division and have moved onto a new topic of measuring length and perimeter.

#### Science

In Science, we have started our new topic about forces and magnets. The children explored push and pull forces and friction. They set up an investigation to test how a range of materials can affect the friction on a surface by pushing a toy car along them and measuring the distance it travelled. The children also enjoyed using the magnets to find and sort magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

#### Topic

The children have been excited to start our new topic 'Exciting Explorers'. We have started our learning by looking at the explorer Christopher Columbus. They have learned all about the parts of his ship the 'Santa Maria' and the equipment that he took with him. In RE, the children have been learning about new beginnings. They compared how different religions celebrate new beginnings.

#### Reminders

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** (discussion about the book. Please write book talk in their reading diary) each week. This is an easy way for your child to earn Dojo points. In Year 2, the children should complete 30 minutes of Numbots each week. In Year 3, the children need to complete 15 minutes of TT Rockstars and 30 minutes of Maths Whizz each week.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day and appropriate clothing (including PE kit) for the changing weather.

Any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**