



WINHILLS

Years 2 and 3

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

In English, our work has been focused around the text 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. We have been learning about expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and starting sentences using adverbs. The children have then been using these in their writing including setting descriptions and diary entries. We finished the unit of work by getting into role as Toby from the story. They had to write in the first person and the past tense as well as include the elements of grammar that they have learnt.

Our Guided Reading lesson 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 have been learning about place value. They have been looking at the value of digits within a number and making these numbers using a variety of different resources. They have also been ordering and comparing numbers using mathematical symbols. We have also been practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to improve our mental recall of these number facts.

Science

Our topic is 'Rocks'. The children have learnt about the different types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. They have made observations of rocks and tried to identify which group of rocks they belong to. We have also looked at how rocks are used in the local environment and what makes them good for particular uses.

Topic

The children have begun learning about the Great Fire of London in the classroom and the ICE Zone. They have been sequencing the events of the fire and looking at how they fought the fire. In Art, they used water colour and black paper to create silhouette pictures of the fire. They have also been learning about primary colours and how to mix these to make the secondary colours.

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.

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