

# <u>WINHILLS</u> <u>Year 4 and Year 5</u> <u>Fortnightly Newsletter</u>

## **English**

Throughout English this term, we have been focusing on the book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. We have used our skills of retrieval and inference to find evidence for two sides of an argument. To add to this, we have developed our never-ending range of sentence starters, which we will be able to use when writing balanced arguments based on the events of our most recent chapter.

#### <u>Maths</u>

In Miss Newbury's Maths class, we have been developing our understanding of length. We have measured in mms, cms, and metres, converted lengths and compared the lengths of objects. Throughout these lessons, we have reinforced 'Miss Newbury's 4 rules of measuring!'

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, we have started learning about fractions. We have recapped the terminology, found equivalent fractions and this week we moved onto adding fractions. The children had to use their times table knowledge to find the common denominator to add the fractions together.

In Mrs Burns' Maths class, we have also been looking at fractions. We have enjoyed making our own fraction walls in groups using strips of paper, as well as identifying equivalent fractions. The children have made good use of the outdoors in recent weeks and have been using different sized twigs to find equivalences. We will finish this term adding and subtracting fractions, before moving on to decimals.

## <u>Science</u>

The children have been keen researchers in science throughout this term, as we have continued our space theme. From discovering amazing astronauts, through to making space themed booklets, the children have really impressed their teachers with their growing knowledge of planets and space related facts.

#### <u>Topic</u>

The children had an incredible time at Duxford! They have already learned so much about the Battle of Britain, but seeing the planes and artefacts in real life took their learning to the next level. It was fantastic to see their love of this topic grow and the smiles on their faces were brilliant. I am sure that next week they will take their learning to yet another level when they take part in our Pied Piper day.

## **Reminders**

Moonstone and Amethyst have their Pied Piper day on Monday and Sapphire have theirs on Tuesday. The children can dress up if they choose to.

The children have PE on a Friday and must have the correct uniform (plain white T-shirt, dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

Also, the children need to make sure they are up to date with their reading, Maths Whizz, TT and their spelling homework. If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher.





