



WINHILLS

Year 4 and Year 5

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

Over the past couple of weeks, we have continued to read our text 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. The children created their own imaginative noodle recipes which they knew the yetis in the story would love. They wrote some fantastic instructions on how to make their noodles! They have then written newspaper reports about the characters winning the Great Northern Race.

Maths

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, we have continued learning about decimals. The children have been adding and subtracting decimals using the column method. They had to add and subtract decimals with the same number of decimal places, with different number of decimal places and wholes and decimals. They have also learnt to multiply and divide decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

In Mrs Burns' Maths class, the children have just finished learning about money. This topic has included some role play and the children have really enjoyed setting up real life scenarios to demonstrate giving change. Moving forward, our focus will be on time and we will be recapping what the children already know before taking a closer look at our calendar system. On top of that, the children have been working really hard on their times table facts, excelling in our regular game of times table bounce. This week has been the longest bounce on record with everyone answering their questions correctly. Well done!

In Miss Newbury's class, we have been finishing our unit of fractions. We spent some time grounding our understanding of equivalent fractions and have learnt to order, add and subtract fractions. Using fraction walls and segments, the children have shown great comfort and confidence with their knowledge of fractions.

Science

This term, we have split year 4 and 5 into separate classes. Both classes are covering 'animals including humans', but their focusses each week have varied. Year 4 have learnt about the parts and functions of the digestive system. They then recreated a digestive system using household objects. Year 5 have worked hard to understand how humans, and specifically children, develop. We have explored the milestones children reach and the stages of human development.

Topic

The children are thoroughly enjoying the topic South America. The children learnt all about the Mardi Gras Festival and designed their own Mardi Gras masks which were all incredible! They had to ensure their masks were vibrant and colourful so they would be suitable for the carnival. Once they had finished their masks, they peer assessed each other's and voted on who created the most beautiful piece.

Reminders

We have organized a trip to Colchester Zoo for Thursday 30th June. Please see parent mail for details and payment.

Reward day is fast approaching so please ensure your child is up to date with their Maths Whizz, TT and homework.

All children need a sun hat and water bottle in school at all times.

If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher.