



# WINHILLS

## Year 4 and Year 5

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### English

In English, the children have been debating. We read some of our new text 'Survivors' and the children had to debate which direction the explorers should take as both routes had consequences. The children learnt about causal conjunctions and how to punctuate them correctly with commas. They also learnt how to write in cohesive paragraphs and organize their ideas. They finished the unit by writing a persuasive argument using everything they had learnt. They were incredible arguments!

#### Maths

In Mrs R's Maths Class, the children were using their understanding of repeated addition to represent a two-digit number multiplied by one digit number using concrete manipulatives. They moved on to explore multiplication with exchange. This week, we will use multiplication facts to scale.

In Maths with Mrs Burns, the children have begun looking at multiplication and division. Initially, the children have used informal methods to multiply, looking at place value charts and part-whole models to multiply 2 by 1 and 3 by 1 digit numbers.

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, we have started multiplication. We have learnt how to use the compact method and began by multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. The children have progressed to now multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. They have used the method they have learnt to problem solve.

#### Science

In Science, we have started our new topic of Electricity. Initially, the children began by looking at designing a poster about what they knew about the topic. There were some fantastic designs and the children demonstrated they already had a great foundation of knowledge. Moving on, the children looked at appliances and were able to sort non-electrical appliances from electrical appliances using a Venn diagram.

#### Topic

We have started our new topic 'Explorers'. The children have already looked at early explores such as Christopher Columbus, James Cook and Robert Falcon Scott. They have researched the explorers, written fact files, mapped their journeys on world maps and answers comprehension based questions in which they had to find the information out themselves. They have really enjoyed the link between the topic and learning about explorers in English too!

#### Reminders

Children must bring their PE kit in on a Monday and keep it in school until Friday. Due to the weather, please ensure the children have coats and appropriate clothing.

Bikeability is the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February. If your child has signed up, they will need to bring their bike and helmet that week.

Please make sure your child is completing 45 minutes of Maths Whizz and 15 minutes of TT each week. Year 4 have their multiplication checks in June so it is very important that they practice.

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

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**