



WINHILLS

Year 4 and Year 5

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

In English, the children have loved hearing more of our book, *The Pugs of the Frozen North*. They took turns playing a character from the chapter and practised their interviewing skills, which was lots of fun! We have also been introduced to a sea creature that the pugs have encountered during their race across the ice. The children were tasked with writing a poem about the creature, which we named the Kraken. Using their knowledge of poetic devices, the children have really taken on board how a poem should be written and what effects a simile, metaphor and alliteration has for the reader.

Maths

In Miss Newbury's Maths class, we have continued our learning around fractions. The children have worked hard to find some equivalent fractions, place numbers in the appropriate places on a number line and have found a fraction of an amount.

In Mrs Burns' Maths class, the children are just beginning their new topic which will be exploring money. The children have worked extremely hard learning about decimals this half term and are looking forward to spending some time problem solving, and looking at coins and notes using real life contexts.

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, the children are continuing with learning about decimals. The children have used their knowledge of column addition and subtraction to start adding and subtracting decimals. They also used their knowledge of place value to make complements to 1. The children will move onto problem solving and adding and subtracting decimals within real life contexts.

Science

Over the last fortnight, we have continued our unit of 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. The children have been exploring life cycles of mammals and have delved into the life and work of Jane Goodall. This has involved the children classifying mammals, explaining how they reproduce and identifying how humans can support the reproduction of mammals. To push their understanding, the children have compared how plants and mammals reproduce.

Topic

The children thoroughly enjoyed researching a chosen animal from the Amazon Rainforest and their fact files look beautiful! They are very informative and attractive. This week, the children have learnt about physical and human geographical features. They had to sort images into the groups and explain how they knew the places were natural or man-made. The children will then use their knowledge of physical and human features to write a debate on whether Caracas in Venezuela or the Galapagos Islands is the best place to visit and why focussing on the geographical features.

Reminders

As **Reward Day** is fast approaching, the children need to be up to date with their maths whizz and TT rockstars. They must do 45 minutes of maths whizz and 15 minutes of TT each week. They also need to read daily and practice their spellings.

Also, Year 4 will have their **times table test** after half term so please practice over the holiday. Year 5 have swimming on Wednesday and Year 4 will have cricket sessions.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and a sun hat in school at all times.

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