



WINHILLS

Year 4 and Year 5

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

In English, we have been focusing our work around poetry. We spent time understanding and interpreting poems, as well as learning methods to recall the poem from memory. This week, we have continued our work on the book, 'The Iron Man'. We have spent time during the week learning about paragraphs: when to start a new paragraph, how to structure and organise paragraphs and creating cohesion between paragraphs. This will help us to write some persuasive texts next week.

Maths

In Miss Newbury's Maths class, we have been developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. The children have worked hard on their use of the column method to solve addition and subtraction calculations which have even required them to exchange! They have pushed themselves even further by applying their knowledge to word problems.

In Maths with Mrs Burns, we have started our new topic on addition and subtraction. The children have been looking at adding two four-digit numbers with and without exchange. These skills have then been used to help solve word problems, which the children have really enjoyed. Next week, the focus will be on subtracting two four-digit numbers.

In Maths with Mrs Smith, we have started our topic of multiplication and division. We have learnt about multiples and factors and we have found common multiples and common factors. We found the factors of numbers by drawing factor bugs. We also learnt about prime numbers, composite numbers, square numbers and cube numbers.

Science

This term, the children are focussing on our new topic, sound. The children enjoyed a sound walk around the school, where they listened to areas that were quiet and noisy. They then discussed where the vibrations came from to make the sounds and later made their own drums using bowls and cling film. The children used a handful of rice and watched the vibrations in action as they banged a cereal box and drumstick to watch the rice dance.

Topic

During topic, the children learnt about Lord Shaftesbury and how he changed the lives of Victorian working children. The children learnt about the different acts he got passed through parliament. This week, the children have learnt about Victorian schooling. They role played a Victorian classroom, sketched nature drawings on 'slate' (chalk and black paper) and practiced Victorian style handwriting. We are really looking forward to History Off the Page next week!

Reminders

On Tuesday 15th November, we have **History Off the Page** and the children can dress up as Victorian Children. There will be a whole day of fun activities for the children to take part in.

Reward day is fast approaching and the children must be up to date with their Maths Whizz, TT rockstars and reading.

Also, PE kit needs to be a **plain** white top and **dark** shorts or joggers. They must have this every Friday but it can be left in school all week.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

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

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