



WINHILLS

Year 4 and Year 5

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

In English, we are continuing to explore our new text Deep Sea Voyage. Having finished a non-chronological report, we are now beginning to prepare to look at instructions and the features of these text types. This week, the focus will be on learning about co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions which we can then use in our planning and writing next week.

Maths

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, we have learnt how to use a protractor to measure angles. The children have defined and measured acute, obtuse and reflex angles. They have also drawn their own angles and calculated angles around a point.

In Mrs R's class the children learned about fractions. They started by reviewing the basics of fractions, including what fractions are, how they are represented, and how to identify equivalent fractions. To aid their understanding, the children used visual aids such as fraction bars and number lines. They also learned about real-life situations where fractions are used, such as in cooking or in measuring distances.

In Mrs Burns' class, we are consolidating our learning on division, tenths and hundredths. This week, we have finished dividing a 1 and 2 digit number by 10 and 100 using a place value chart and a Gattengo chart. Securing this knowledge will prepare the children for our next unit which is ordering and comparing decimals.

Science

In Science, the children have been looking at classifying and identifying invertebrates and vertebrates. The children went on an invertebrate hunt outside and had to use a classification key to identify the vertebrate group. They then had to draw an invertebrate and label the body parts using a diagram.

Topic

After learning about the Great Barrier Reef, we developed our learning by explaining the impact humans have on coral reefs and our oceans. We identified problems like coral bleaching, plastic pollution, overfishing and climate change. Also, we identified how humans will be impacted by the changing ocean conditions.

Reminders

Year 5 will have **swimming** every Friday afternoon for the rest of the term. Please make sure all of Year 4/5 have their PE kit in school Monday- Friday and not just on a Friday.

Year 4 will have their Timestable test in June so please continue to practice. The test will be extremely similar to the sound check on TT so please keep completing soundchecks to practice.

If your child has taken something home from Grafham which isn't theirs by mistake, please return it to your child's class teacher. If you are missing anything, please come and speak to us as we have a few things still left here.

If you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher.