



# WINHILLS

## Year 4 and Year 5

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### English

In English, the children have worked to further develop their skills of adding detail to their writing. We looked at how we could use similes and expanded noun phrases to add description and used these as sentence openers. Exploring this further, we then developed expanded noun phrases using prepositions. Next week, the children will be rewriting their own chapter based on 'The Iron Man' using detailed description.

#### Maths

In Miss Newbury's Maths class, we have started to expand our understanding of multiplication. The children have spent time exploring equal groups and arrays using practical resources and pictures and have continued to solve problems related to multiples of 2.

In Maths with Mrs Burns, the children have been focussing on their times tables, looking at patterns and the relationship between the 3,6's and 9's. Using a number square, the children have identified these times tables. They have used word problems, the inverse and commutativity to solve calculations.

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, we have started our topic of fractions. The children have learnt about equivalent fractions, compared and ordered fractions and have started adding fractions.

#### Science

In our Science lessons, we have been looking at the reasons why you would need to muffle sound. The children have set up an investigation whereby they have looked at different materials that are most effective for absorbing sound. Then, the children designed their own ear muffs, applying their learning to the task. In the final week of the term, the children will have the opportunity to create a musical instrument using junk materials.

#### Topic

Recently, the children have been looking at Victorian clothing. They learnt about the different classes of people and what each class would have worn. They also learnt about how poor Victorian families would have had to repair clothing. Following on from this, the children practiced cross stitch by stitching their initials into fabric. The children have really enjoyed this topic and have learnt lots about the history of the Victorians over the term.

#### Reminders

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December is Year 4 last swimming session.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Dinner and we have a Christmas Fair after school.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is Reward Day and the children can come into school in their own clothes.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December is the last day of term and the children will be walking to the church for a service in the morning.

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.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**