

WINHILLS

Year 4 and Year 5

Fortnightly Newsletter

English

In English, we have continued to explore our new text 'Tuesday' and this week, the children have been looking at what conversations may have occurred within the text to practise their punctuation of speech. Firstly, the children needed to identify errors from a pre-written dialogue before going on to write their own conversations. In doing so, they were able to understand how to use inverted commas, types of punctuation, reporting clauses and different synonyms for 'said'.

Maths

In Mrs Smith's Maths class, the children have been learning about decimals. The children had to use known facts to add and subtract decimals within 1, add and subtracted decimals with different numbers of decimal places and thought about efficient strategies to use. They then multiplied and divided decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

In Mrs. R's class, the children have just completed a comprehensive unit on fractions. They have gained a strong understanding of unit fractions and are now able to confidently add and subtract fractions. Building upon this foundation, they have now transitioned into learning about time units. Throughout the summer term, they will be engaged in various activities related to time, including creating plate clocks and practising telling time to the half-past and quarter-to marks.

In Mrs Burns' class, the children have been looking at our new topic of shape and symmetry. They have been using their retrieval skills to re-assess what they know about the properties of different shapes and identified regular and irregular polygons. The children then looked at shapes with no symmetrical features, one line of symmetry or more than one line of symmetry.

Science

Year 4 made a dynamic model of the digestive system! They really enjoyed this and thought it was a little bit gross! They then moved on to learning about the different types of teeth and their functions.

Year 5 looked at changes in their bodies during puberty. We had an excellent discussion about all of the changes the children will go through in both boys and girls. The children were very mature and sensible! We then learnt about changes in old age.

Topic

The children looked at sources and decided why a person is historically significant. They were able to explain why a person is historically significant and went on to evaluate the significance of sporting people. The children wrote brilliant fact files on Lily Parr and Betty Snowball.

Reminders

Year 5 last swimming lesson is Friday 14th July.

Please make sure your child always has a **sun hat and a water bottle** in school at all times. Also, if they can apply **sun cream** themselves they can bring it into school to reapply but they must not share it with others.

All children who owe Maths Whizz and TT minutes have been given a letter. If it hasn't been completed weekly over the Summer Term, they will unfortunately miss some of their day as the expectation is this is done every week.

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