



# WINHILLS

## Year 6

# Fortnightly Newsletter

### Maths

As we reach the end of term, the children have finished their unit on fractions. This has included consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction of fractions, plus developing new skills with multiplication and division of fractions. To finish, the children have been finding fractions of amounts and have been applying to these skills to problems. Over the final weeks, the children will be spending time working on statistics.

### English

Year 6 have been continuing to complete their English work alongside the class novel, Kensuke's Kingdom. As we reach the end of the book, the children have been developing their inference and deduction skills when reading, and have been using the text as a stimulus for writing. This has included writing diaries from different viewpoints, a book review, and next week they will be writing biographies. During these sessions, the focus has included developing SPaG skills by looking at improving sentence structures and using more complex punctuation (such as using colons and semi-colons in expanded lists). The children have also been applying their writing skills to their topic work, with writing based on volcanoes.

### Science

The children have now finished their unit on micro-organisms which included two investigations. Our investigation into mould growth on bread was concluded with some very interesting results, where the children found that mould grew best in warm, light and moist conditions. Additionally, the children experimented with activating yeast, discovering that yeast needs both food (sugar) and warm to be activated and begin to produce carbon dioxide.

## Foundation Subjects

To continue our unit on Extreme Earth, the children have been further developing their knowledge of volcanoes, which has included learning about how volcanoes are formed, the different types of volcano, and the locations of active volcanoes. Next week, the children will begin to learn about earthquakes and tsunamis.

In PE lessons, the children have moved onto hockey and lacrosse with Mr Franco.

In art, the children have completed a number of pieces recently, which has included creating images of volcanoes. Using mixed media, the children created an image of a volcano from paper before using paints to create an eruption.

On Friday afternoons, Mrs Street has continued to teach French, with a focus on learning to describe the weather. Additionally, she has continued to learn the songs and lyrics for Young Voices—these have been sent home to learn.

## Reminders

Thank you for sending the children with their PE kit each Wednesday and reminding them to bring their water bottles each day. Please also remember to send the children with a coat each day as the weather is getting much wetter and colder.

**Key dates:** as we approach Christmas, there are a number of events happening around the school. Please refer to the letter sent out separately or the school office for more information.

**Homework:** a reminder that English homework is set on a Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. This will include both a written and a spelling task. Maths Whizz will continue from Monday-Sunday (45 minutes), plus 15 minutes of TT Rock Stars. Children need to be reading at home for at least 15 minutes per day. Homework in Year Six is particularly important to embed good home learning routines before secondary school. With Reward Day fast approaching, it is imperative all homework is completed before Monday 19th December.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**