



WINHILLS

Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Maths

The children have been working hard on developing their place value knowledge by comparing, ordering and sequencing numbers up to ten million, and have enjoyed learning about negative numbers. Over the last few weeks they have been securing their knowledge of addition and subtraction by practising written methods, solving real life word problems and explaining any errors in calculations. To improve their accuracy, the children have been using their knowledge of inverses to check their work. This week, the children have been securing their knowledge of both short and long multiplication strategies and the next step is to do the same with short and long division written methods.

English

This term, our English work has been based on the dramatic narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes which the children have absolutely loved. It has been a brilliant stimulus for some emotive and powerful writing especially in role as various characters from the story. The children have revised their knowledge about poetic devices including similes, metaphors, alliteration and onomatopoeia, and even written some poetry of their own. A huge focus has been on correct punctuation of different kinds of sentences including those with subordinate clauses (as they are practicing in their spelling homework).

Science

We have started our unit on 'Living Things and their Habitats' and have been looking at classifying different groups of vertebrates/invertebrates as well as devising our own classification charts for animals. We particularly enjoyed learning about some of the invertebrates that live in the ocean such as cnidarians (jellyfish), crustaceans (crabs and lobsters) and molluscs (including squids).

Foundation Subjects

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their PE lessons on Netball and Tag Rugby with Mr Franco. They have also loved their fitness activities three afternoons a week which is building stamina through fun paired activities using skipping ropes, tennis rackets and footballs.

On Friday afternoons, Mrs Street teaches French (at which the children are really doing well) and talks to them about friendship, being kind and about self esteem. Some of the children were even confident enough to talk about their work in a 'Friendship' assembly this week.

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 quite changeable. We will be visiting St Neots Museum on Tuesday next week so hopefully the weather will be fine then.

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.

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