



WINHILLS

Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Maths

To start the spring term, our focus has been on consolidating the fractions work the children completed in the autumn term, whilst incorporating the links to decimals. This has included all using all four operations with decimals, and looking into the relationship between fractions and decimals.

English

In English, we started the term looking at the story of Pompeii as inspiration for narrative writing. Since then, we have started our new topic looking at explorations including Captain Scott and the race to the South Pole, before writing information texts about Antarctica. This week, we have started our new book on the voyage of Ernest Shackleton onboard The Endurance.

Science

In science, we have now finished our topic on light which has included looking at reflections and refraction, using filters to see colour, and even making our own periscopes.

Trips

We have had a very busy start to the term with two trips already!

Our trip to the O2 arena was a great success where the children travelled to London to sing as part of the world's largest choir. Along with 7,000 children, Quartz class sang a range of songs and danced away with special guests Heather Small (M People), the Beatbox Collective and Urban Strides.

This week, we travelled to London to the Royal Opera House to see The Magic Flute by Mozart. The venue was absolutely stunning and the opera was a real spectacle, with incredible singing, acting and stage sets.



Foundation Subjects

The children started the term by finishing our topic on Extreme Earth by looking at the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 and subsequent destruction of Pompeii. The children looked at why this happened and the devastation caused by the volcano. Since then, the children have been looking at Antarctica, using ICT skills to research key facts about the continent in order to write non-chronological reports which are being turned into information posters.

In PE lessons, the children have been working on their fitness skills in sessions with Mr Franco.

On Friday afternoons, Mrs Street has continued to teach French, with a focus on learning to describe the weather, animals and greeting. Additionally, she has continued to develop ICT skills by looking at using search engines to safe-

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 continues to remain wet and cold.

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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