



## WINHILLS

### Year 3

## Fortnightly Newsletter

### English

In English, we have been looking at the book 'Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure' by Alex T Smith which is a comical and engaging book. The children have been exposed to new vocabulary as well as having lots of exciting writing opportunities. The children have been able to make predictions of what might happen in the book based on the illustration on the front cover. Year 3 have enjoyed using their imagination to create descriptive writing. Recently, we have been looking at the features of instructions before writing our own instructions for Mr. Penguin.

### Mathematics

In our maths lessons, we have been focusing on fractions. The children have learned to find a fraction of number as well as finding equivalent fractions. We have spent some time comparing and ordering fractions and the children will use these skills to move onto adding and subtracting fractions.

In our arithmetic lessons, the children are revisiting addition and subtraction with a focus on using the column method with exchange.

### Science

Our topic this half term will be focusing on magnets and forces. The children will be carrying out a range of investigations using magnetic forces. So far, the children have explored push and pull forces as well as having the opportunity to explore how a magnet works. The children have been able to categorise materials into magnetic and non-magnetic as well as exploring the force of a magnetic field.

### Topic

This term, our topic is the seaside, where the children have learned about the differences in the seaside around the world and how the seaside has changed over time. The children are enjoying learning about the physical and man-made features of a seaside. In Year 3, we have enjoyed our music lessons where we have explored how to tell a story through music. We have created soundscapes using percussion instruments and adding sound effects and rhythm. Throughout this term, the children will learn all about computing systems and networks with a particular focus on inputs, outputs and memory. The children will use this knowledge to build a paper laptop.

### Reminders

Next half term, we will be tie dying in our art lessons. Please can you provide your child with a plain white/light t-shirt by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

Please note that PE is on a **Wednesday** this half term. As the weather is turning warmer please ensure your child has a sunhat, and that your child also has either **trainers or plimsols** in their PE kit.

Please make sure that the children are completing their **homework** every week, as well as **reading** with your child every day so they receive their '**5 reads and a book talk**' award. To gain the book talk award, please write in their reading records that you have discussed the book and what happened in the story. Homework should be handed in on Monday and new homework will be given out on Wednesdays. Maths homework is 45 minutes of Maths Whizz and 15 minutes TTRockStars a week.

Please also ensure that your child has a **named coat, wellies** and **water bottle** in school every day. Thank you for your continued support.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**