

KS2 Newsletter

Year 3 and Year 4



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English

Year 3 had a fabulous time at the Poetry in Motion storytelling festival last Friday, performing amazingly! All the children showed great behaviour, remembered the words and had the most astounding expressions and actions. This week they are developing their work on poetry by learning how to write shape poems.

Year 4 have moved on to a new English unit on news reports. To begin with, they did a 'cold write' about a fictional occasion when the Queen came to Winhills; Miss Krahn is impressed by the great creativity in her room! The children have now started learning about the features of a news report as well as how to use formal language so that their 'hot write' in a few weeks will be even better.

Maths

Year 3 are practising using their reasoning skills to solve one and two step word problems that involve all four of the operations (+ - x ÷). These will be really useful skills in the future.

Year 4 have been looking at converting measures such as metres to kilometres. To do this, they have had to become extremely quick at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000! This week they have been learning about fractions and decimals, finding fractions of money. It's been quite a challenge but good fun too.

Please remember to send to send your child with a sunhat for break and lunchtimes plus a water bottle each day.

Science

This week Year 3 took advantage of the sunny weather to learn all about shadows. They enjoyed measuring their shadows outside on the playground and it was particularly interesting to do this at different times of the day. They discovered that the length of the shadows changed and found that the direction moved too.

Year 4

This week the children have started their new unit on States of Matter. They have been investigating a range of solids, liquids and gases and learning about their properties.

ICE zone

The children are really enjoying using our new laptops for research about all aspects of South America. They are becoming real experts and producing some very impressive power-points to communicate their information.

Have you heard about our space seeds? Mrs Wood applied to join British astronaut Tim Peake's school experiment so we were sent 2 packets of 100 seeds. One packet has been to the International Space Station ... but the other hasn't ... and we don't know which is which! The children planted the seeds and they are now growing in the poly-tunnel. There is already a difference between the two packets. One set of seeds has germinated better than the other but we won't be told until the end of the experiment which one it is!