



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

Year 5 have already completed learning about their first English text which was a short film called 'The Piano'. The children successfully used powerful vocabulary and the correct tenses to write their version of the story set in the present but with flashbacks to the past. They have now started using an exciting narrative poem 'The Highwayman' to explore writing in role as different characters.

In Mathematics, the children have revised their knowledge of place value including using weather statistics from around the world to investigate negative numbers. They are now working on becoming more fluent at the skills of written column addition and subtraction, as well as solving some tricky problems.

The Science topic is 'Sun, Earth and Moon' so they have been outside pacing out the distance from the Sun (an exercise ball) to the Earth (a malteser) which was 93 metres to represent 93 million miles. They investigated the movement of the Sun and Earth by drawing around their shadows at different times of day.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic few weeks. In our English lessons, we have started our new class book, 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. We have started responding to the text by writing in role as characters, and using inference skills to discuss the text. The children are working hard to develop their sentence structures and punctuation, and use more expansive vocabulary in their work.

In Mathematics, we have spent the first two weeks looking at place value, including ordering and comparing numbers up to the millions, before rounding them. We then looked at negative numbers, before moving on using our number skills across the four key operations.

In Science, the children have been looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats', and have been classifying living things, including creating classification charts for leaves found on our playground. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at micro-organisms, and conducting an experiment into mould on bread.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 have started to learn about volcanoes and thoroughly enjoyed producing some very effective art work using both paint and charcoal. Every Tuesday, Miss Murden teaches French—it's great fun and everyone's confidence is really improving!

As part of our topic studies on Volcanoes, Year 6 have created 3D models of a volcano using a range of materials including papier mache. In our lessons, we have been locating the 'Ring of Fire' on a map, and looking at tectonic plates and how they create volcanoes and cause earthquakes. The children have really enjoyed swimming as part of our PE lessons.

Reminders

PE kit: During the unpredictable autumn weather, please ensure PE kits are in school everyday, with a choice of both indoor and outdoor kit.

Homework: a reminder that English homework is set on a Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. All home needs to be completed before the end of term reward day. Maths Whizz runs from a Monday to a Sunday, and one hour must be completed per week.

Reading: we recommend that children read at home every night and record this in their reading diaries.

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