



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

In Maths, Year 5 have been working hard on developing their written methods for multiplication and division. For multiplication we have become more confident in using the column method and for division we are learning chunking and compact (bus stop) methods. Keep practicing!

In English we have started to read our new class novel Kensuke's Kingdom. We have begun to explore the island and have been using the text to infer what the author means through his descriptions. We have also been developing our knowledge of simple, compound and complex sentences, in which Michael Morpurgo is an expert!

In Science we learned all about the different phases of the moon. We have also learned the order of the planets in our solar system and discovered some interesting facts about them.

Year 6

Over the past two weeks in Maths, Year 6 have been working on our multiplication and division skills, including using mental and written methods, and applying these to problems. We have also looked at factors and multiples, and square and prime numbers.

In English, we have continued our unit on The Adventures of Odysseus. As we reach the conclusion of the book, we have been writing persuasive arguments, comparison texts and diaries in the role of characters. We have been working hard to include our SPAG learning into our writing.

In Science, we have been looking at the results of our science experiment into mould growth. We have compared the different environments where we grew the mould, and have decided on the best conditions.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 have started their dance lessons on a Monday, in preparation for the Christmas performance. They are also having netball lessons with a teacher from Ernulf and dodge ball with Mrs Culver. In topic, the children have created their own Greek monster and are learning about the Trojan war.

Year 6 have continued to work hard their weekly dance lessons with Miss Jones, and have been developing as Play Leaders with Mr Franco. In topic, they have been continuing to learn more about the Ancient Greeks, and have been looking at democracy and the war between Athens and Sparta.

Reminders

Please can we ensure all children have the correct PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, outdoor trainers, indoor shoes, long sleeve jumper and joggers) in school **each day** and that children have a **water bottle**. With the ever changing weather conditions, please can you ensure your child brings a coat to school daily.

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.

Math whizz will continue from Monday-Sunday (**one hour per week**).

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