



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

Last week was 'Assessment Week' during which the children undertook tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning. They worked incredibly hard and achieved some great results. Planning of the next few week's lessons has focused on addressing errors and targeting gaps in knowledge.

In Maths, the children are learning everything they can about decimal numbers and linking them to their fraction knowledge. They have been reading, writing, comparing, ordering and rounding decimals before adding and subtracting them

The class are enjoying their new English text called the 'The Princess' Blankets' which is a dark, unusual and thought-provoking fairy tale. The children have already produced some fabulous writing with rich vocabulary and complex sentence structure.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic few weeks recently. This week in Maths, we have been exploring measures, shape and space. We looked at how to find the volume of 3D shapes, and investigated the impact of changing the height of a shape in relation to its volume. We then looked at classifying areas different 2D shapes and drawing geometric shapes with accuracy.

In English, we have been developing our writing skills with characterisation, by choosing vocabulary and sentence structures carefully, whilst developing atmosphere and mood for settings. After our visit from a local magistrate, we have been writing formal letters that we will be sending shortly.

We were also lucky enough to be visited by ACTios/ Genr8 this week, who ran a PSHE session on Cool Choices, where we discussed and thought about how our choices in life impact on our own lives and the lives of others.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 had a very enjoyable visit to St Neots library last week. Many children are already members but please ask if you would like an application form. It is free to join and helps children to develop a lifelong love of learning. Our current science until of Evolution and Inheritance includes investigating DNA. During Science week, Year 6 were visited by Mrs Duncan, a teacher from Kimbolton Primacy Academy, who led a session on the extraction of DNA from strawberries. The children worked extremely hard and found out an awful lot, and will be writing up their results soon.

Reminders

Home work, homework, homework! Children's homework is designed to reinforce and consolidate teaching of English, Maths and reading in the classroom and genuinely makes a difference to children's learning. Please support your child by ensuring that they are not falling behind with this.

Year 6 have selected pages from their revision guides to complete, plus spag.com homework every week (online). If you are unable to complete this at home, there is an after school club at school on Tuesdays at 3.15pm.

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