

WINHILLS Year 5 and Year 6 Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

Since Easter, Year 5 have researched the Polar Regions and used their note-taking and planning skills to write accurate and informative fact sheets. Their new knowledge will prove invaluable as they learn more about their exciting new English book called 'Shackleton's Journey'.

In Maths, the children have been focusing on 2D and 3D shape. They have learnt to describe the properties of regular and irregular shapes using their names and the correct vocabulary. They have also really improved their ability to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 to convert between different units of measure eg 2.6kg = 2,600grams.

The children have just started their new Science topic on 'Animals and Plants'. The first task has been to find out which characteristics mean that animals are classified as mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles or fish.

Year 6

This week the children in Year 6 have completed their SATs test and we want to say a huge WELL DONE! Each and every one of them worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of all their efforts.

Since the Easter half term, the children revised many key facts and areas in preparation for their reading, SPAG and mathematics tests, and we were incredibly impressed with their effort and application this term.

Over the next few weeks, the children will be starting our new topic on Antarctica and the expedition of Ernest Shackleton. They will be incorporating skills in Geography, History and English through a range of different activities, before using key aspects of the topic to explore these themes in Art and D&T.

In Science, the children will be completing their unit on Evolution, before looking at the human body.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 have really enjoyed spending some time with Miss Brock and Year 3 this week writing stories for Nursery which have been shared with them today. It has been fabulous to see children in different year groups working together.

Years 5 and 6 were recently visited by Google, where they got to experience 'Google expeditions'. During the session, the children were able to try on virtual reality glasses, which virtually transported the children to a range of locations and famous landmarks, giving them inspiration for ideas which can be used within their writing.

Reminders

Year 5 are going to the Fire Station on Monday afternoon next week to take part in the 'Safety Zone'. Please bring a packed lunch and a drink in a bag that is easy to carry.

Year 6 need to have their PE kit in school everyday this term, along with a sun hat and water bottle. We will also be swimming every Thursday afternoon, so need to bring their swimming costume and a towel in a separate bag, along with sturdy shoes for the walk to and from the local pool. Next Monday is the Year 6 DLPT sport event at Winhills.





