



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

In Maths, Year 5 have been working hard on developing their written and mental methods for addition and subtraction. This includes the column method and solving a range of word problems. They have enjoyed creating their own problems using 1-9 dice.

In English, we have continued reading more of The Adventures of Odysseus. The children have written a speech in the role of Odysseus to persuade and motivate his crew to keep going. Many of the children were brave enough to perform their speech to the class.

Over the past two weeks in science, we have been investigating how shadows are created and why, when outside, shadows appear to move and change shape. The children have also enjoyed researching into different planets for their homework and sharing their facts with their Talk Partners.

Year 6

In Maths, Year 6 have been developing both their mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. We have been looking at some new methods, and have used these to tackle complex problems. We have also been looking closely at the structure of multiplication.

Like Year 5, in English, we have been reading The Adventures of Odysseus, and have created our own stories in the style of Odysseus' battle with the Cyclopes. We have looked at how to build tension and develop vocabulary, and have used this to great effect. We have since written poems and diaries, focusing on vocabulary and how it impacts on the reader. We can't wait to share some of our fantastic with you at parent's evening next week.

In Science, we have continued to look at classification, and have been creating our own classification charts for the leaves we found on our field.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 are continuing to enjoy their Indian Drumming sessions with Mr Suali as well as Tag Rugby and netball with Mr Franco and Mrs Culver. In topic, the children have researched and held a class debate about Ancient Greek Democracy.

Year 6 have continued to work hard their weekly dance lessons with Miss Jones, and have been trained as Play Leaders during PE sessions. They have been continuing to learn more about the Ancient Greeks, and been writing about Democracy.

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. No earrings.

Homework: a reminder that English homework is now 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).

Reminder: for those who have applied, Bikeability runs from Monday 16th-Thursdays 19th October.

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