



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

In Maths, we have moved onto multiplication and are practising using the grid method to solve TUxU, HTUxU and TUxTU calculations. We have been using these calculation strategies to solve lots of real life word problems especially money. Lots of children have realised that need to practise some times tables before we move onto written column methods!

In English, we have been using a short video called 'The Piano' as inspiration to write an emotive short story about a lonely, elderly man who has flashbacks to the memories of his past as he plays a melancholy melody. Everyone successfully managed to switch from present to past tense in their writing.

In Science we have carried out two exciting investigations; one was to investigate friction using materials that could possibly be suitable for a bike brake pad and the other was to use rotocopters to explore air resistance.

Year 6

In Maths, we have been working hard on problem solving with all four mathematical operations. The children have had to apply their knowledge of mental and written methods to different scenarios, and use reasoning skills to complete tasks. We have also started an exciting times tables project called Times Tables Rock Stars (see our class page for more information!).

In English, we have continued our class novel, 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom', and the children have been writing in a variety of styles in response to the text. We have written discussion pieces around key characters, alternative versions of key scenes, and used drama to recreate key moments of the text.

In Science, our mould growth investigation is showing great results as the different conditions are causing dramatic results to the amount of mould grown.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 have learnt some more about the Ancient Maya this week with a geography focus. They can now all locate where in Central America the civilisation was centred and even drew a labelled map of the area. In French, the children are learning a French Christmas song!

Year 6 have really enjoyed their French lessons, where they have been learning to describe their age and members of their family. The children have been enjoying PE sessions about invasions games, which has included tag rugby and netball, and they are working hard to learn a street dance for our Christmas show.

Reminders

Please keep practising your class Christmas songs ready for next Tuesday when the recording for the school CD will be made. Year 5—Silent night and Year 6—It was on a starry night.

Please remember that all classroom doors are opened at 8.45am for the children to begin their morning work including making corrections or improvements to their previous day's learning, Accelerated Reader quizzes and practising times tables. All homework, including Maths Whizz, is set weekly. Any missed homework must be completed the next week. Outstanding homework will need to be completed on Reward Day in December.

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