



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

Since half term, Year 5 have been working on understanding and solving word problems. They have practiced their written methods of addition, subtraction, short and long multiplication and short division. They then applied these methods in a wide variety of word problems including some using numbers up to 1,000,000! At the same time, the children have been revising their knowledge of facts in almost every area of Maths in preparation for assessments this week.

In English, Year 6 have just started studying a book called 'Shackleton's Journey' but in order to fully understand it, have had to learn all about Scott and Amundsen's race to the pole in 1911 and 1912. They are also reading another Michael Morpurgo book called 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'.

In Science, we have continued our work on Materials by carrying out some investigations with ice cubes and finding out how to slow down or speed up the process of melting.

Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Y6 have been working on algebra in Maths. They have been exploring how to use formulas and expressions, and how to find unknowns using function machines. This has now extended onto finding different possibilities to satisfy and equation. Over the next week, we will be using sequences to write algebraic rules.

In English, Y6 have been using Michael Morpurgo's short story 'The Giant's Necklace' as inspiration for writing. The children have spent time using the text to discover vocabulary, which they then used to develop characterisation. Following this, we used the text as a basis to write newspaper reports as the main character, Cherry, has gone missing whilst playing near the sea. The children analysed the features of newspapers, before planning and drafting their reports. Next week, they will be editing and publishing their reports, before finishing the story.

In Science, the children have continued their unit on Light and Shadow. This week, the focus has been on reflection and refraction.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 have been doing some great work in Art recently. They have practised their sketching and shading skills by drawing spheres, fruit/vegetables and—last week—hands. Everyone has been impressed at how shading the shadows on objects has resulted in realistic 3D images. This week, the children have begun to look at how to draw figures and show movement in figures.

In Year 6, the children have been enjoying dance lessons with Miss Jones and PE with Mr Franco and Miss Wanless. In ICT, we have been looking at how to stay safe online, with a focus on using social media, and keeping ourselves and our online profiles safe.

Reminders

This half term, in addition to PE on Thursdays, both Year 5 and Year 6 are having Dance lessons on Mondays. 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.

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 for Y5, and revision guide for Y6. Maths whizz continues to run from Monday-Sunday (one hour per week Y5/30minutes Y6) plus 30 minutes revision guide for Y6, and children need to read for at least 15minutes per night.

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