



WINHILLS

Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Maths

The children have been working hard on developing their place value knowledge by comparing, ordering and sequencing numbers (including decimals) up to ten million, and have enjoyed learning about negative numbers. Over the last few weeks they have been securing their knowledge of addition and subtraction by practising written methods, solving real life word problems and explaining any errors in calculations. To improve their accuracy, the children have been using their knowledge of inverses to check their work. This week, the children have been securing their knowledge of both short and long multiplication strategies and the next step is to do the same with short and long division written methods.

English

The children are absolutely loving our book set in Ancient Greece 'The Adventures of Odysseus' which is hugely exciting and contains many different stories about gods, heroes and mythical beasts. The children have loved writing gruesome descriptions of the gorgon Medusa, of their own invented beast and of Polyphemus the cyclops. They have rewritten parts of the story in their own words learning to show emotions and build tension through effective vocabulary and sentence structure. They have also written as Odysseus setting sail and as Poseidon cursing his voyage. Everyone is excited to learn about his next adventure.

Science

We have started our unit on 'Living Things and their Habitats' and have been looking at classifying different groups of vertebrates/invertebrates as well as devising our own classification charts for animals. We have looked at the work of Carl Linnaeus and have been using his system of classification to find the Latin names of different plants and animals.

Foundation Subjects

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their PE lessons on Cricket and Tennis with Mr Turner and their specialist coaches on Wednesdays. They have also loved playing with lots of brand new playground equipment at break times each day and are using them to devise lots of new games on the field!

Our topic on Ancient Greece is really capturing the children's interest and they are keen to learn about different aspects of the geography and especially history of the period. They have produced some stunning art work of the snake-haired Medusa using chalk, charcoal and pastels.

Reminders

Thank you for sending the children with their PE kit each Wednesday and reminding them to bring their water bottles each day. Please also remember to send the children with a coat each day as the weather is quite changeable and sometimes quite wet and cold.

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. Maths whizz will continue from Monday-Sunday (45 minutes), plus 15 minutes of TT Rock Stars. Children need to be reading at home for at least 15 minutes per day. Homework in Year Six is particularly important to embed good home learning routines before secondary school.

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