



WINHILLS

Reception and Year 1

Newsletter

Busy learning

We have returned from the half term break to learning based all around dinosaurs. The children have been learning about the similarities and differences between the dinosaurs, where they lived, what they looked like and what they ate. They were especially disgusted by the thought of looking in the dinosaur poo to find out some of this information!

As part of this topic the children have also learnt about Mary Anning and the importance of her fossil discoveries. They may be able to tell you some facts about her and what she did in her lifetime. To really find out what it would be like to be a fossil hunter the children have loved excavating different teeth and rocks from sand, ensuring they are careful and working together to keep their findings intact., then making zig-zag books to show and explain what they know.

Outside, the children have continued bird watching and begun to look for signs of spring — the daffodils they planted last Autumn are beginning to grow! Next week they will begin to plant seeds for the spring. As it has been rather rainy, the children have explored the rain gauges, finding out where the wettest and driest places are outside and exploring why.

On Thursday we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. We shared lots of our favourite stories throughout the day with a biscuit too!

Mathematics

Last week the children ordered numbers. They used their number knowledge to order from the smallest and the greatest, beginning to explain how they knew they were right. The real challenge was ordering numbers that were not consecutive. The Year 1's used their knowledge of tens and ones to order their numbers at speed and then solve problems relating to their ordering.

This week the children have solved word problems involving addition and subtraction. They had to listen to the information carefully and then choose the best way to solve the problem and record their findings, building their independent choices with their maths.

English

The children have been writing facts about dinosaurs and then Mary Anning. Last week they wrote 'What am I?' clues about a dinosaur and were great at reading their clues for others to guess the dinosaur. After learning about the life of Mary Anning they have also written about it, forming sentences to show the key parts of her life. In the discovery den the children have been creating book reviews about their favourite books to recommend to their friends.

The reception children have been focusing on their blending skills in phonics, as well as continuing to learn new sounds. Year 1 have been learning more digraphs and using their knowledge to read sentences about dinosaurs.

Reminders

Year 1 PE is on Wednesday's and Reception PE is on Thursday's, please make sure the children come to school in their PE kits and earrings are removed. Please also remember to send your child in with a water bottle and coat everyday.

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