



# WINHILLS

## Year 1 and Year 2

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### English

Throughout the last two weeks, both year 1 and 2 have been looking at the text 'One day on our blue planet in the savannah'. They have been sorting fiction and non-fiction texts, and identifying the differences between facts and opinions. In both year groups, we have been writing factual sentences about African animals. We used our senses to help us imagine what life on the savannah would be like.

#### Mathematics

In Year 1 the children have been working on their fraction knowledge. They have been looking at  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of amounts and shapes. They have used a variety of resources to show their workings.

In Year 2, the children have been securing their knowledge and understanding of calculation methods. They have also been applying these skills and methods to test style questions in preparation for their forthcoming SATs.

#### ICE Zone

The children have been enjoying the new topic of Africa this term. They have explored the Ndebele houses and created their own designs. During DT the children have designed and created their own African drum. The children have been exploring the world and have started locating various countries, oceans and cities.

#### Reminders

Please note that PE is on a **Monday** this half term. As the weather is turning colder please ensure your child has tracksuit bottoms and a jumper in their PE kit, as well as shorts for indoor PE. Please ensure that your child has either **trainers or plimsols** in their PE kit.

Please make sure that the children are completing their **homework** every week, as well as **reading** with your child every day so they receive their '**5 reads and a book talk**' award. To gain the book talk award, please write in their reading records that you have discussed the book and what happened in the story. Homework should be handed in on Monday and new homework will be given out on Wednesdays. If you would like to do some extra counting or telling the time at home with the children, this would really help them with their learning in the classroom.

Please also ensure that your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day. Thank you for your continued support.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**