

# KS2 Newsletter

## Year 3 and Year 4

4/3/2016



### English

Year 3 have continued working on their persuasive writing skills. The children have written a persuasive letter and are currently developing their paragraphing skills by writing a persuasive argument to Mrs Mitchell.

Year 4 have now begun a new book, Hana's Suitcase, about the life of a young girl and her brother during the Holocaust. They are continuing to work on writing paragraphs, while also learning how to make predictions and support them with evidence. They are learning to become really good text detectives and look for clues while they read!

On Monday this week Winhills hosted the DLPT Year 4 Sports morning. The children played football, tag rugby and dodgeball against the other schools and did a fantastic job, coming in third place. They worked extremely hard and were such good sports.

### Maths

Year 3 have been thinking about the steps needed to solve word problems and have been practising them in different contexts including money. They have also been working on adding and subtracting. Year 4 are continuing to work on multiplication, looking at the grid method of multiplication, as well as solving word problems that include multiplication and division. It's been tricky, but they're becoming really good mathematicians!

In Indian drumming both classes are working on singing scales, drumming in time with a group and on their dancing. They have also have begun to learn cricket in PE with our new coach. We will be continuing this throughout the term. We are learning how to stand properly when hitting the ball, how to guard our wicket, and how to throw.

### ICE zone

Last week the children had a visit from a Viking! He shared lots of interesting facts about the life of Vikings such as what they wore and ate, the age they married, how they hunted for food and how they travelled from their homelands to other countries. He showed examples of their weapons, artefacts and games such as hnefatafl (which is like chess). He even demonstrated how to make a long boat out of paper.

### World Book Day

The whole school gathered in the hall yesterday and enjoyed their very first House Book Quiz. The house captains of Jupiter, Mars, Pluto and Saturn had team members from each year group and answered questions about books they have read this year plus other questions about stories and authors. There was a lot of excitement and eventually Saturn won by just one point. The other Houses all came in joint second place. Congratulations everyone! As well as DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), the children loved snuggling down for a bedtime story at the end of the day. There was an impressive array of pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns as well as some of the biggest teddies ever seen!