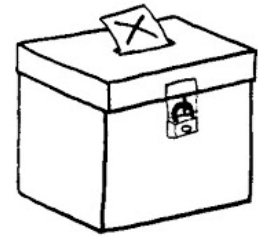


Upper Phase Newsletter



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Literacy

Year 5 have been searching 'The Highwayman' for similes and metaphors and have storyboarded the whole story so that they are clear about the order of the events. They have focused on the character of Bess, 'hot-seating' her and beginning to write a diary from her point of view.

Maths

Year 5 have spent lots of time practising one of the trickiest areas of maths – fractions! They have been adding and subtracting them, as well as changing improper fractions to mixed numbers. They have also carried out an investigation to plan a room makeover within a given budget. What a useful skill!

Other subjects

In Art Year 5 have been making observational drawings in the school grounds, whilst in Music, they have composed short passages to retell the poem of the 'Marie Celeste'. In RE they have been learning about special books and the story of Noah. They have learnt about coding in ICT and have used the 'Hopscotch' program.

Election Fever

A big thank you to Year 5 for mirroring the General Election by organising the Winhills election. The children presented their manifestoes in an assembly and all Key Stage 2 voted. This really helped all children in school to understand the UK election process.

SATs

The focus for Year 6 has been on preparing for the national tests in Reading, SPaG and Maths which they took this week. All of the teachers could not be more proud of the children's incredible motivation and hard work so hope that they achieve the results they deserve. Well done Year Six!

Over the next month the Year 6 children will be learning lots of Science as well as working on improving their writing skills so that their levels in these subjects can be submitted to the government too. They will also be doing much more art, music and PE!

Transition

Over the next few weeks dates have been organised for the Year 6 children to visit Ernulf and Longsands Academies as well as staff from those schools to visit the children here at Winhills. There will be lots of work on preparing our pupils for the excitement and challenge of growing up and moving on.