



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

Over the past two weeks in Maths, Year 5 have been working hard on developing their addition and subtraction skills. This has included developing mental and written methods for adding and subtracting, plus estimation and rounding skills, before applying these to real life problems.

In English, the children have continued reading more of *The Adventures of Odysseus*. After writing superb stories, the children edited these before starting to look at poetry. After reading 'The Sack of Winds', the children explored descriptive vocabulary of the sea before writing a spine poem and performing them to the class.

In Science, the children have continued to look at Materials and their Properties. After investigating solubility, the children are now looking at reversible and irreversible changes.

Year 6

In Maths, Year 6 have been working very hard on written methods of multiplication as well as revising factors, prime/composite numbers and square/cube numbers. The focus has been on applying knowledge in problem solving and reasoning contexts but everyone has realized that they need to know their times tables up to 12x12 really, really well!

In English, the children have been finding out about *The Adventures of Odysseus*. They wrote some brilliant descriptions of the Cyclops in his cave using lots of new vocabulary and then changed the events and details slightly to write their own extended version of the story.

In Science, Year 6 have learnt about 4 different kinds of arthropods which are all invertebrates—crustaceans, arachnids, insects and myriapods. They have also set up an experiment with bread to investigate mould and micro-organisms.

Foundation Subjects

Year 5 are enjoying their Zumba sessions with Mrs Bull as well as Tag Rugby and Netball with Mr Franco and Mr Turner. In Topic, the children have been learning about the similarities and differences between Sparta and Athens in Ancient Greece, and will use this to look at The Battle of Marathon.

Year 6 have completed some amazingly detailed large drawings of Greek pots using typical patterns and designs from the era. These are going to be displayed in the corridor and will act as inspiration for when they make their own pots from clay.

Reminders

Please can we ensure all children have the correct PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, outdoor trainers, indoor shoes, long sleeve jumper and joggers) in school each day and that children have a water bottle. With the ever changing weather conditions, please can you ensure your child brings a coat to school daily.

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.

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