

WINHILLS Year 5 and Year 6 Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

In Maths, Year 5 have been working hard on developing their place value knowledge. The children have been comparing, ordering and sequencing numbers up to one million and have enjoyed learning about negative numbers. Next week we will look at addition and subtraction.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading more of The Adventures of Odysseus, especially the Cyclops chapter. We have written letters in role and have used sentence structures and effective vocabulary to build tension. Next week, we will be writing our own versions of the story.

In Science, the children have been looking at Materials and their Properties, with a focus on solubility and dissolving. The children investigated different materials that could dissolve before looking at the impact of temperature on solubility.

Year 6

In Maths, Year 6 have been working very hard looking at place value, including the value of digits, ordering and comparing integers and decimals, rounding numbers up to millions, and negative numbers. We have already begun to look at the four operations and will continue next week.

In English, we have learnt about several ancient Greek myths and legends and, this week, have started our unit on The Adventures of Odysseus. We have looked at the characterisation of the key figures, and used this to write in role as Odysseus.

In Science, we started our unit on 'Living Things and their Habitats' and been looking at classification charts which we then used to create our own charts for a range of animals.

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 using Geography skills to locate Greece on a map and study the landscape and terrain, and have been using History skills to create timelines of key Greek events.

Year 6 have also enjoyed Zumba and their PE lessons with Mr Franco and Mr Turner. They have been continuing to learn more about the Ancient Greeks including the origin of the Olympics. In Art, they created some very scary Greek 'medusas' based on photographs of their own faces!

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.

<u>Homework:</u> 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.





