



# **WINHILLS**

## **Year 5 and Year 6**

### **Fortnightly Newsletter**

#### **Year 5**

Year 5 have settled back into learning brilliantly and are already making great progress.

In Mathematics, we have revised factors including prime numbers, factor bugs and factor trees. We have also learnt about cube numbers and have practised solving calculations which include these and square numbers too. Each lesson this week has included mental strategies for division as well as work on naming, estimating, measuring and calculating angles.

In English, we have just refreshed our knowledge of writing and punctuating sentences with subordinate clauses. This week we have been learning how to write persuasive letters on the theme of how important it is for primary age pupils to have daily outdoor breaks.

Our new class book is called 'A boy and a bear in a boat'. It's quite unusual and rather intriguing. We have written our first impressions and questions.

#### **Year 6**

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the new term; it has been great to see the children refreshed, focussed and working hard.

In Mathematics, we have started the year with a refresher on the key methods for all four operations, before looking at calculating with the fractions. The children are learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide with different fractions. In English, we have just finished our class book, 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the book, and many were very sad to reach the end. In response to the book, the children have been recreating key scenes using drama, writing diaries and letters in the role of key characters, and are planning to write a book review next week.

The children have also been looking into reading and study skills, including how to use a glossary, context and index to quickly find key information.

### **Foundation Subjects**

Both Year 5 and Year 6 will be visiting Tesco on Monday next week (16th) to follow a 'Farm to fork' trail linked to their Maya topic from last term. They will learn about the origin of food and hopefully take part in some tasting!

In Year 6, we have started to discuss our new geography and history topic, Life on the Fault Lines—a look into the lives of those living in areas affected by volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. The children will be finding out about how and why volcanoes and earthquakes happen, whilst looking at key historical events, such as Pompeii.

### **Reminders**

Homework is back underway, and all children in years 5 and 6 need to complete one piece of English homework, and one hour of Maths Whizz. Homework clubs are available everyday, and you can sign your child up for these at the school office. Year 6 will also be starting to use SPAG.com for homework, with more details to follow. Children are expected to read at home with an adult at least three times per week, which should be recorded in reading journals. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE, as with the ever changing weather conditions the location of the activities may vary from week to week. PE kit should be in school every day.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**