



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

Last week, the children completed assessments in Reading, Writing, SPaG and Mathematics. These will not only show the progress made so far this year but will also allow Miss Smith to identify any gaps in learning. She can then plan lessons to address these gaps and further improve children's attainment.

In Maths, we have continued to focus on multiplication calculations and word problems. We have carried out mathematical investigations and many more children have now earned multiplication badges.

In English, we have been focusing on improving our grammar and spelling skills but have also written some fun newspaper reports in our 'Exciting Writing' books. They were Christmas themed with Rudolph losing the way and Santa getting stuck in a chimney.

In Science we have learnt all about another force—gravity.

Year 6

Similarly to year 5, the children completed assessments in Reading, Writing, SPaG and Mathematics last week. These will be used by Mr Gross to identify and support gaps in learning, and plan lessons and sessions to help meet the needs of individual children.

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions this week and have been exploring proper and improper fractions, equivalence and ordering fractions. We have had some excellent practical sessions, including one where we chopped up (and ate!) different chocolate bars.

In English, we have continued our unit of 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' and have written diaries in the role of the key character, Bradley. We have also been look at applying the skills taught in our SPaG work to our writing, such as using subordinate

Foundation Subjects

Both classes have thoroughly enjoyed using their Art and DT skills to design and make a huge number of bold and vibrant Christmas decorations. They are now hanging in the classrooms, corridors and halls and making everyone feel in the Christmas spirit.

As well as learning the usual Christmas songs and dances for the 'Carols by Candlelight' concert, both classes are also learning to sing 'Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer' in French!

Reminders

Please make sure that you have requested tickets for the carol concert on Wednesday afternoon, Wednesday evening or Thursday evening. We expect that the evening performances will be over by 7pm so please collect your child then. The dances have been specially choreographed to include everyone so we do expect that all children will attend both evening performances.

Please remember that all outstanding homework (including Maths Whizz) will need to be completed next week so that children are able to take a full part in Reward Day on Monday 19th December.

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