



# WINHILLS

## Year 5 and Year 6

### Fortnightly Newsletter

#### Year 5

Year 5 have been working extremely hard since the half term break. In Maths, Y5 have been looking at perimeter, using the addition and subtraction skill we develop in the first part of term. They have since started looking at multiplication, including multiples, factors, primes and square numbers.

In English, the children have continued to read The Adventures of Odysseus, which has included writing diaries about the visit to the Land of the Dead, descriptions around the Song of the Sirens heard by Odysseus, and now balanced arguments over whether Odysseus should allow six of his men to be sacrificed by the six-headed dragon named Scylla.

In Science, the children have now finished their unit of Materials and their Properties. They have completed a number of hands on investigations including looking at dissolving and separating materials.

#### Year 6

In Maths, Year 6 have worked really hard to learn the written method of long division. Already, they are quick and accurate, and able to use this method to check the answers to long multiplication calculations.

In English, the children have enjoyed following the further adventures of Odysseus. They have learnt about his terrifying visit to the Land of the Dead and had a class debate to decide whether he was right not to tell his crew that six of them would be sacrificed to Scylla (a ferocious six-headed dragon).

In Science, Year 6 have followed up and concluded their experiment with micro-organisms. They discovered that some bread contains preservatives which help prevent mould forming. The new topic is to learn about the human circulatory system including the heart.

### Foundation Subjects

Year 5 continued to learn all about the Ancient Greeks. This has included looking at the Battle of Marathon, and how the 'marathon' came about. The children then looked further at Greek god and goddesses, before learning about the Battle of Troy, and the famous Trojan horse. In Zumba, the children have been learning a number of dances, and in PE, the children have been playing netball and rugby with Mr Franco and Mr Turner.

Year 6 have learnt about several important events in British History. Through reading comprehensions, they found out about the Great Plague of 1665 and, this week, learnt in detail about the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

### 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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