



WINHILLS

Year 5 and Year 6

Fortnightly Newsletter

Year 5

Like Year 6, Year 5 are really enjoying using the book 'Shackleton's Journey' as inspiration for their **English** work. They too have written letters of application and rejection using formal language and organising their ideas into appropriate paragraphs. They are also having a real focus on spelling at the moment—this week they have looked at words with *ei* such as *receipt*, *ceiling*, *conceited* and *protein*.

In **Maths**, the children have completed some very impressive work on co-ordinates. They were very confident at reading and plotting them and their drawings of four-quadrant grids were incredibly neat which enabled them to translate shapes with great accuracy. The children have also been working on identifying the operation in word problems; they have improved massively at this since last term.

In **Science**, the children have continued their learning about different groups of animals.

Year 6

Over the past two weeks, the children in Year 6 completed a lot of work using our class book, 'Shackleton's Journey' as inspiration. The book follows the adventures of Ernest Shackleton and his Endurance crew as they attempted to trek across Antarctica.

In **English**, we have used this as inspiration to write: job application letters in the role of a key character; formal rejection letters in the role of Ernest Shackleton; advertisements for the ship Endurance; and newspaper reports about the unfolding events in Antarctica.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to follow the story, incorporating skills drama, role play and writing.

In **Maths**, the children have recently started an enterprise topic, where they are working in groups to design and cost up the building and running of a fictional theme park.

Foundation Subjects

Last week, Year 5 spent an interesting and informative afternoon at the Fire Station learning all about different ways to keep themselves safe. Input from the Police, Fire Service and Network Rail (among others) taught them how to keep safe in a fire, on the road, near water and online.

Congratulations to the class for working so hard at the DLPT sports morning on Tuesday. Unfortunately, we didn't win but everyone represented our school brilliantly and made Mr Franco very proud.

Year 5 have begun preparing for a mock election in school to coincide with the General election on June 8th. Look out for more details!

In Year 6, the children have been looking at Darwin's Theory of Evolution, and examining the similarities and differences between Australopithecus, Neanderthals, and Homo Sapiens. Over the next few weeks, we will use role play before writing a piece in the style of a David Attenborough documentary.

Reminders

Year 5 and Year 6 need to have their PE kit in school **everyday** this term, along with a sun hat and water bottle.

Year 6 will also be swimming **every Thursday** afternoon, so need to bring their swimming costume and a towel in a separate bag, along with sturdy shoes for the walk to and from the local pool.

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