

KS2 Newsletter

Year 5 and Year 6



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English

The children in Year 5 have been learning how to write play scripts and rehearsing them to perform for each other. They even took advantage of the lovely weather to do some of this outside! This week they have been learning how to punctuate speech and convert reported speech in to direct speech.

Year 6 have focused a lot on SPAG for the last two weeks, particularly enjoying using the new laptops to revise and practise their skills online. Miss Knox made learning really fun last week with a SPAG shop in the courtyard; children had to move around finding and solving questions to earn plastic coins (cents) which could be exchanged for small treats!

Maths

In Maths Year 5 have been looking at triangles and how to classify them according to their properties. This week they are using the column method to add 4 digit numbers including decimals and units of measure as well as the counting on and column methods of subtraction.

Once again Year 6 have been working really hard at revising and practising their maths skills. Miss Smith is extremely impressed by their great maturity; every child understands their individual strengths and areas for development. They are all applying themselves to consolidating their knowledge and 'plugging their gaps'.

Science

Year 5 have started to learn how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. They have conducted a very successful experiment to separate salt from water; the results couldn't have been clearer!

KS2 SATs

These national tests will take place during the mornings next week from Monday to Thursday. We are incredibly proud of the way Year 6 have been working to prepare themselves for their transition to secondary school and are sure that they will all do their very best.

Y5 Maths Challenge

Huge congratulations to our team of four talented mathematicians who represented Winhills at this competition last week. Although they didn't win the heat, they were highly commended for their excellent teamwork.

Please remember to send to send your child with a sunhat for break and lunchtimes plus a water bottle each day.

Have you heard about our space seeds?

Mrs Wood applied to join British astronaut Tim Peake's school experiment so we were sent 2 packets of 100 seeds. One packet has been to the International Space Station ... but the other hasn't ... and we don't know which is which! The Y3/4 children planted the seeds and they are now growing in the poly-tunnel where we have been to check on them. There is already a difference between the two packets. One set of seeds has germinated better than the other; Year 6 worked out the percentages. However it's all a bit of a mystery as our school won't be told until the end of the experiment which one it is!