

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception It has been 'out of this world' in EYFS this week. We have been sharing our rockets and spaceships we have been creating at home with our peers and giving a full explanation of how we made them. There are a few future NASA designers here at Wheatfields! In Maths we have been learning about doubling and halving. The pupils have been using a variety of resources to help them including pizza, aliens and underpants. They all now understand that the two halves are equal size so they will no longer be fooled when it comes to halving a chocolate muffin! Following the visit last week the pupils have been very keen to design their own alien and a special pair of underpants for them to wear.

Year 1 Plop the Barn Owl has well and truly landed in Year 1! This week the children have continued to immerse themselves in the story and have highlighted to all the Year 1 teachers their knowledge and understanding of the text! In Maths both classes have been working hard consolidating their number knowledge by using bead strings to count to numbers between 1-100 as well as working hard to spell the written form of numbers between 1-100 correctly. In Science the cohort have been looking at our different senses and what parts of our bodies help us enable our senses. On a quick side note, all the teachers in Year 1 would like to thank all of the adults who are reading with their children at home and filling in their reading journals. The children are thoroughly engrossed in obtaining as many certificates and stickers as they can!

Year 2 This week Year 2 have been in full swing with their mathematical reasoning. They have been learning how to solve missing number problems using the inverse to reason how they can find the given number. We have been so impressed with their resilience when following their methods steps closely, never giving up when challenges present themselves. For home learning the children will be bringing some calculations home to show you how brilliant they are. Within Literacy the children have been exploring the emotions, decisions and speech of our story characters. They have plotted an emotion graph for both Tilly and The Bear alongside making comparisons in the way they act within the text. All of the children are enjoying the text immensely especially when The Bear leaves a surprise on Tilly's carpet! We are all looking forward to next week when we will start exploring the features of a letter ready to begin writing our own.

Year 3 Year 3 have had another wonderful week exploring myths and legends, including our favourite - Johnny Gloke! The children have written character descriptions for this cunning tailor and have enjoyed thinking of impressive adjectives to use in their writing. In our Science lessons we have tested materials to see which one would be best for Miss Mindham's baby's room and in PE we have continued our space-themed dance lessons.

Year 4 After setting up our Science investigation last week to find which was the best way to dry Mrs Tudor's socks, we collected the results on Monday. Although some groups came to a conclusion, some groups decided they would need to repeat their tests because there was no clear answer. We also agreed that next time we would only leave the socks overnight to dry, rather than a whole weekend! We all wrote about the water cycle demonstrating our scientific knowledge of the processes involved (evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection) and our Literacy skills. In Maths our classrooms got a little wet as we measured the capacity of different containers, converted units of measure and solved measure problems. Our History work this week has involved ordering Viking events and we are all enjoying reading our class text - Viking Boy.

Year 5 Rainforests, rainforests, rainforests! Year 5 are mad about rainforests! We have been delving deeper into the jungle through reading The Great Kapok Tree. Our Literacy lessons have been focussed on using language features to improve our work, as well as getting to know the animals in the story through hot seating. In Maths we have been ordering, rounding and adding decimal numbers and in Topic (you've guessed it!) we have found different tropical rainforests from around the world!

Year 6 In Year 6 we have been continuing to work hard on fractions and decimals. We have also been getting in role of the two main characters in our text (The Watertower) and understanding their actions. Our topic of Earth and Space continues and we have focused more this week on our planet and learned about lines of longitude and latitude and the location of continents and countries. We had great excitement this week when Year 5 joined Year 6 for a bench ball tournament!

Music We had our first Wednesday Boys session for the term this week and the lads are already sounding fabulous! We started learning 'Let it Be' by the Beatles. Y6 have been composing short pieces based on Mars from the Planet Suite by Holst. They used ostinato patterns and demonstrated controlled use of dynamics to build up tension. Y5 are noticing how playing the djembe drum helps with concentration; it takes a lot of watching and listening! Y4 are continuing to learn about the life and music of Chopin and are starting to learn how to read and play the bass clef on the keyboard. Y3 are continuing to learn about Reggae Music and are beginning to notice some of the style indicators such as how the bass guitar is usually quite prominent and there is generally a slow, laid back feel. Miss Keane tells me we have filled all the Singing Starz places! I'm looking forward to meeting the Spring Term choir next week.

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