

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception In EYFS the children's learning has been focussed on deepening their understanding of 'Space' by looking at non-fiction books. The children have had the opportunity to collate the facts and knowledge they have learnt about space through participating in open ended classroom discussions. In maths we have continued learning about time and the o'clock. The children have also had the opportunity to learn about algorithms and how to programme bee bots. This helped them practise their predictive skills and logical reasoning. For homework this week each child has been given a variety of tricky words to learn for next term, their knowledge of these tricky words will be checked periodically next term.

Year 1 Are you afraid of the dark? Well, in Year 1 we are no longer afraid of the dark... Why we hear you ask? That's because we can determine different light sources! This week we have started a new topic specifically looking at light and darkness which has followed nicely on from learning about 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark.' Both sets of children have been determining whether items are light sources and how we can tell they are light sources. This new found understanding will culminate in the cohort undertaken an investigation into light and dark on Friday! In Maths, the year group has begun the age old battle of understanding division. We have had shown immense resilience and resourcefulness to begin the conquest of this mathematical operation through sharing and grouping in order to assist us in answering division calculations. All the Y1 teachers are immensely proud of the children for their efforts in Maths! Remember, on Monday the Raptor Foundation are visiting us!

Year 2 Year 2 have been working hard to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have been doing lots of counting and singing to help us learn them. On Tuesday we learnt about the 5 Ks of Sikhism we got to look at them in detail by holding them and finding out what they mean. The children are making good progress in their reading and writing. Class 5 have been getting ready for their class assembly next week and are looking forward to sharing what they have been finding out about the Frozen Planet. Next week we will be composing a snowy soundscape in music and creating a picture based around the northern lights.

Year 3 In year 3 this week we have been learning about fractions. The children are becoming more confident with them and can even use the terms denominator and numerator correctly. We have started to learn about equivalent fractions too. In Literacy we have continued with our work on play scripts. The children are enjoying reading different parts and adding their own actions. In our topic work we have continued to learn a selection of stories from the Old Testament. We have focussed on the messages in the stories. These messages include loyalty, commitment, forgiveness and resilience. We have also been thinking about the Learning Pit. This is what we call it when the children are stuck with something. We have talked about what we can do to help ourselves and others when this happens. The children have also discussed that it is important to be stuck sometimes in order to develop problem solving skills and enjoy the success of overcoming the problem.

Year 4 This week we have practiced our Viking dance. In Maths, we have been learning about 2 step word problems. We have done Homophones in spellings, e.g. "wear your coat today". Then in Topic, we have been learning about gods and goddesses and making our own fact file. In Literacy we have been doing story mountains. By Emily & Daisy

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have started to prepare for writing our rainforest stories. We are writing our own versions of the Great Kapok Tree told from the point of view of one of the characters in the story. We have been very busy writing character and setting descriptions before we begin our story planning next week. In maths we have continued our fraction work looking at mixed number and improper fractions. Its certainly been tricky but we're getting there! We had great fun making our own Rainforest weather forecasts and some of us have started filming them. Whilst in science we were asked the big question; how do we know a plant is alive? This led to lots of discussion and we thought about what would happen if there were no plants in the world.

Year 6 In Maths this week Class 13 have been looking at Roman Numerals whilst Class 14 have continued to work on fractions and percentages. We have continued with our Planet reports thinking about how we can engage the reader and make the information interesting. We had a fantastic morning on Tuesday with a visit from Gener8 who did some work with us about the choices that we make. We had discussions, created drama pieces and thought about what is important to us in our lives. Class 14 performed their assembly on Wednesday, all the children enjoyed sharing what they have been learning with the special visitors.

Music Our Song of the Week has been 'A Young Austrian'. This is an entertaining cumulative song which involves yodeling!! We have been practicing singing 'Happy Birthday' to make sure we get the octave leap at the 3rd line of 'Happy Birthday'!! We found that good posture and using our face muscles helps with this, as does singing it in a bright and cheerful tone!!