

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception The EYFS children have had a great week learning all about the season of Spring. They have observed, drawn and painted some beautiful Daffodils as well as designed their very own seed packets to take home on Friday. During the Spring Walk, we saw some different signs of Spring (despite the recent weather!) and the children really enjoyed being able to talk about these to each other and the adults in the unit. In Maths, the children have continued their learning on 'money', looking at the value of coins. Our new Phonics sounds this week are 'oi' 'er' 'ear' 'air' and 'ure'. The children have now been taught all the phase 2 and 3 sounds and are ready to focus on practising them to support their reading and writing!

Year 1 We are having such an exciting time in Year 1! We've been investigating what owls eat by dissecting some owl pellets; it was so interesting that we're continuing our studies next week. We've also been given a very important job to do by the V and A museum in London. They have asked us to write diary entries as if we were the real Winnie the Pooh, the one we've been finding out about in our Literacy lessons. It's tricky learning how to write a diary, remembering to put things in the right order and to say I and me, rather than he and she! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their money and slips for our Linton Zoo trip. It's not long to go now!

Year 2 Year 2 had great fun this week planting their own cress seeds. They were so excited to use their green fingers and start predicting how long it will take for the cress to grow, ready to eat. They also used their collaboration and listening skills to support one another to create some fantastic dens in teams. They wowed staff with their kindness, collaboration, encouragement and team effort. Well done all!

Year 3 This week in Year 3 we have been continuing to learn about the story of Dick Whittington. We have studied the character of the cook; she wasn't very nice to Dick at all! We have been using our inference skills to dig deeper into the text and find evidence to support our ideas. In Maths we have been adding bigger numbers using expanded column addition. The children have been trying really hard with this and have shown that they can use it to add more than two numbers. In our Topic work we have continued to learn about the United Kingdom. We have talked about counties this week and located them within England.

Year 4 We have finally finished writing our Viking reports and have become Viking experts. For example did you know that it is merely a myth that they wore horned helmets and we found out that they only bathed about once a week! We are now beginning to publish our reports and make a Class Viking book to be shared with other year groups. In Maths we have been revising our calculation strategies and are also looking at decimals. We enjoyed another football session with our coach, even though it was only in the hall due to the rainy weather. Science will be ending our week as we will be trying to discover the best Viking weapon (a sword, spear or axe). But don't worry, we won't be using the real thing! In addition, we will be looking at the most hard-wearing material for Viking clothes.

Year 5 This week in Literacy we have been learning about 'Non-chronological Reports'. Our reports will be on a Rainforest animal and we have been researching that animal in our topic lessons. In Maths, we have been using cubes and bar models for converting improper fractions to mixed fractions. It was great to see how quickly children learnt different fractions skills. Well done to children who have made it to semi-finals for Public Speaking speeches. Cross country practice is going very well on Monday and Thursday during lunch break.

Year 6 In Year 6 we have done lots of Science this week. In groups, children planned and set up an experiment to test what variables might affect the size of a crater created by an asteroid. We have focused on planning fair tests and ensuring we can take accurate measurements. We have also been practising lots of multiplication and long division! In Literacy, journalistic writing continues to be the focus and we have begun planning and writing a newspaper report based on the disappearance of a character in the sequel to 'The Watertower'. Class 14 really enjoyed performing their assembly this week.

Music On Wednesday evening, some of our younger musicians took part in the Spring Concert. Most of these players were performing for the very first time. Some were quite nervous before they played but all felt brave and confident once they had done it! They were joined by more experienced performers in the Wednesday Boys, The Biscuit Band and Mr Milgate's Clarinet and Saxophone group. Well done to all our musicians!

On Thursday afternoon, KS2 were treated to a trip around the world through music courtesy of members of The Grand Union Orchestra. We enjoyed hearing music from different countries on instruments we have never seen before. They taught us a song from South Africa and told us we were the only school they've visited who have managed to sing it in 3 part harmony! Some children enjoyed a workshop following the performance and worked well to play a Chinese melody called 'Jasmine Flower'.