

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception In EYFS this week we have been learning about the seasons and the changes that occur in Autumn. We have discussed the weather conditions, daylight hours, changes to the environment and animals which hibernate or migrate in Autumn. The artwork has focused on mixing colours to create leaves and the pupils have had the opportunity to write a caption for an autumnal object of their choice. The pupils have been matching a number of objects to the numeral and vice versa. The children have been very excited to practise the Jai Ho dance again and were very happy that we posted the video on Tapestry. They were all keen to continue practising at home and the link is as follows <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yrlwkkMvc>

Year 1 Two weeks into the new half term and the children of Year 1 continue to work hard in all aspects of their learning. Both classes have demonstrated an excellent understanding of materials this week as Mr. Mills, Mrs. Burnett and Mrs Beardall began a new Science/Literacy themed unit of work. The whole cohort have been identifying different materials as well as labelling objects around school which are made of certain materials. In Maths, the children have been flexing their learning muscles solving addition calculations and participating in activities that have enabled them to secure their understanding of addition. In PE, the year group have begun to learn their dances for the Christmas Production. Mr. Mills, Mrs. Burnett and Mrs Beardall have put ideas for costumes in their class windows for you to look at/gain inspiration from if you desire. With the onset of Winter already here, please could we remind all adults to send children in with named hats, gloves and coats to avoid any confusion during the school day.

Year 2 Year 2 had a super time at Mountfitchet Castle; they were very well behaved and represented Wheatfields School brilliantly. They enjoyed looking at all the different buildings found inside the castle, particularly the jail cell and stocks! There were lots of animals to look at and towers to climb up. In Literacy we have been writing about our school trip. In Maths we have been doing lots of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using this to get ready for multiplication next week. In PE we have started to learn our dance for the Christmas production, you should have received your costume letters, if not please check your child's bag. If your child has been given a script please help them learn their lines, we will be practising them in school next week.

Year 3 This week in Year 3 the children have started maths work all about times tables. We will be working on them in class over the next couple of weeks. It is very important that the children practise them throughout the year. Any extra you can do at home really does have an impact in school. In Literacy we have been continuing our work on explanations. It is very tricky to write an explanation so we have looked at lots of examples. We have also spent time this week practising putting words into alphabetical order. We even put the whole class in alphabetical order – not an easy task! In our topic we have been learning about healthy eating. We have gone over what we learnt in Year 2 before we move on to learning about the digestive system next week.

Year 4 This week in year 4 we have been investigating States of Matter. Throughout the Science sessions we have carried out several experiments to understand the viscosity of liquids, the water cycle and boiling points of different objects. In P.E. we have been continuing our sessions with a multi-skills coach and will be using these skills throughout our P.E. sessions. Another gentle reminder to parents that the weather is now getting colder and so children should be wearing socks, jogging trousers and a P.E. jumper during our outdoor sessions.

Year 5 We have been doing all sorts of **outstanding** learning this week and on the 9th November Class 12 presented their Class Assembly all about World War 2 (WW2). They included Rationing, Evacuation, The Blitz and one child read their own World War 2 Diary. In Topic we've talked about the Battle of Britain with the amazing Mrs Barker while the fantastic Mrs Tudor was on a course. In Maths we've been measuring angles on a straight line and drawing angles of our own. Also, Year 5 have watched part of a film based on the book by Nina Bawden called Carrie's War which some children have been focusing on in Guided Reading. Other groups have been reading World War 2 books. When we have had spare time the teachers have been reading a book called Friend or Foe to the classes. In Literacy we have become Newspaper Reporters. On Tuesday evening, Mr Dove our Premises Manager contacted Mrs Tudor having found a suspicious WW2 related artefact alongside a helmet next to Burleigh Hill Nursery. Now Year 5 will be writing newspaper reports about the discovery! By Tahlie & Lillie

Year 6 This week in Year 6 we have been busy learning about Britain through the Ages, in particular the 1950s and 1960s. We have been comparing 'mods' to 'rockers' and finding out about musical styles, dance moves and key events that took place. In Maths, Class 14 have been revising multiplication methods and calculating the area of compound shapes. In Class 13, we have been ordering, rounding and multiplying decimals. As well as this, Year 6 have been busy writing letters to Mrs Digby to persuade her to fund the materials needed for our Mini Enterprise products. Finally, we in Art we have been studying Andy Warhol's use of colour and reproducing our own images in his style.

Music The Song of the Week has been 'We Will Remember' which we are singing in honour of Remembrance Day. We have some spaces for drumkit lessons with our visiting teacher, Oscar Reynolds. If you would like further details please see Miss Keane at Reception.

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