

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week we have been continuing our Superheroes topic which included a visit from a 'real life hero'. Mr George came in to talk to us all about being a fire fighter and he explained how each part of his uniform protects him. Before he left he reminded us all to ask our parents to check our smoke alarms. This could be a useful activity to do with your children this weekend. Due to us all progressing well with our phonics, we are now learning some digraphs which the pupils have been very excited about and will be 'Superhero Phoneme Spotters' both at school and at home. Our preparations for the Christmas Nativity are going very well. Thank you to all parents who have sent in the required costumes which have been clearly named and their ticket requests for the performances. We look forward to receiving the remaining costumes by Tuesday 29th November. As part of our topic involves us making Superhero vehicles out of junk modelling, we would be very grateful if you could send in any small boxes and plastic lids.

Year 1 What a super visit from the Norris Museum, thank you to all the parents and carers who contributed. The children saw some fascinating toys, including a wax doll called Maggie who was around 150 years old and a 90 year old bear called Bryan who was stuffed with straw. We even investigated some Fisher Price toys that some of the Mums and Dads might have had when they were young. We have followed up our visit with some independent writing, and now we are opening the Year 1 Toy Factory! We are getting ready to design and make an exclusive range of toys from some basic Materials. In Maths, we have been improving our subtraction skills using the 'part, part, whole' method which will be used through out the school. Our Christmas production is coming on nicely; thank you to those who have sent in costumes already.

Year 2 This week in year 2 we have been learning about division. We have been doing lots of sharing into equal groups using counters and play dough. In literacy we have been learning about split vowel digraphs and writing our own dragon stories. In PE we have been rehearsing our dances and polishing up the songs in preparation for the Christmas play in a couple of weeks. In topic work we have been learning about knights, the weapons they use and the different armour they wear to protect themselves. We have also learnt about how knights and soldiers would defend a castle.

Year 3 This week in year 3 we have been very busy learning about some new topics. We have started our topic about children. This will mostly be about how life has changed for children through history. We will be looking at childhood in Tudor times and Victorian times over the coming weeks. We started this week with a role play where the children had a variety of things to do. Some of them were fun and some weren't! We had a great discussion afterwards. The children ended up feeling lucky that they live in St.Ives in 2016. In Literacy we have started a new unit all about the Roald Dahl story 'Matilda'. We are really enjoying getting to know the character of Matilda. She loved reading. We have been talking about fiction books that we like and would recommend for Matilda to read. In maths we have continued with our work on multiplication and we have introduced the inverse relationship with division. We are all very excited about our trip to London next week.

Year 4 This week, Year 4 have been very busy! In maths, we have been consolidating our learning on place value by getting stuck into some problem solving questions. Our literacy continues to explore Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' and we are beginning to learn about the use of instructions. In addition, we have been practicing our Christmas songs and are now trying to learn our lyrics off by heart! Miss Elliott and Miss Howe would like to thank all of the children who have helped with the painting and cutting of parts for the Year 4 Christmas displays.

Year 5 This week in Year Five we have been designing and making robins for our Christmas display and to send out our eco message about looking after the birds this winter time. In maths this week we have been learning about Polygons and Quadrilaterals. We have been drawing them and identifying their properties. Here is a question for you. Can you answer it? Is a Rectangle a regular 2D shape? In English we have been learning about the film The Snowman and finding out about how the music is used to affect the mood of the film and to explain how the characters are feeling. We also learned about how the camera is used to show the scenes from different character points of view. In P.E, we played a game called 'hand hockey,' which is where you play a game of football but with one your hand behind your back and use the other to move the ball around. By Toby Adams

Year 6 This week in Year 6 we have been reading 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. We have written a setting description and planned an alternative ending. In Maths, Class 13 have been comparing and ordering fractions whilst Class 14 have started to revise division. In topic, we've looked at the 1970s and have been learning about different technology and key events that took place. We are looking forward to trying out some disco moves in PE! Our Mini Enterprise projects are coming along nicely, don't forget to visit us at the Christmas Fayre!

Music Our songs of the week for the next few weeks are our Christmas songs! We are trying very hard with our diction to make the words very clear. We are also trying hard to add expression to help convey the story behind the words. Our Y6 children have now recorded the final performances of their 12 Bar Blues songs. We realised that we were using many skills during the process such as team work, listening, negotiating, editing and many more!

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