

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception EYFS have headed into Outer Space this week and started to learn about the Solar System. Our learning has been focussed around the book 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and we have had opportunities to paint, draw, write and even play in the International Space Station. In PE we pretended to be the planets orbiting the sun and formed stretches so we resembled stars.

In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and we will be on a mission at home to find some objects that are the same shape.

We have also been thinking about what it means to be healthy and have discussed exercise, diet, sleep and attitude.

Year 1 Wow! What a fantastic first week back. Mrs Beardall, Mrs Burnett and Mr Mills have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm the children have come back to school with. In Literacy we have started a new topic based upon Julia Donaldson's Gruffalo. The children have learnt about rhyming words, sequencing events in chronological order and a very catchy descriptive song about the Gruffalo! In Maths we have consolidated our understanding of 3D shapes as well as developing our skills in counting/recognizing numbers. Keep up the Fantastic work Year 1!

Year 2 Year 2 have really enjoyed getting stuck into their new topic 'Frozen Planet'. We have been find out the names and locations of the oceans and continents by using the globes, maps and atlases. We have also been find out about the different animals who live in the Artic and how they can survive in such a cold place. We have also been looking at food chains and fact finding about the animals. In maths we have been working hard to improve out addition skills. We have been using resources and also looking at different ways of using drawings to help us find the answers. We have also started guided reading again with lots of the children showing a real improvement in their reading and understanding. Can all the children please have their PE kits in school as we have started PE again and only have a few spare kits.

Year 3 This week in year 3 we have really enjoyed getting back into our routine after Christmas. We have started new topics and are all eager to learn. We have started doing what we call Big Questions. This is where we answer questions that don't have a right or wrong answer. Everybody can share their ideas and know that they can't be wrong. It's lots of fun. Our new science topic is light. This week we have learnt about sources of light and we have talked about the dark too. We will be investigating this more next week. In maths, we are revising the written methods we learnt last term before we move onto new maths topics. In literacy, we are continuing with our topic on Matilda by Roald Dahl. This week we have been thinking about adjectives to describe main characters and adverbs to describe how they behave.

Year 4 This week in maths, Year 4 have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. This topic will continue for parts of next week to consolidate understanding. The homework this week will be based on this area of maths. In literacy, we have been exploring stories with a historical setting that link to our Viking topic! Year 4 have created story boards retelling the Viking story, 'Loki and the Dwarf'. These will be up on display next week.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 it has been Science week. We have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes. For example ice is reversible because it is a solid and when it is heated it turns into a liquid. If you freeze it again it turns back into a solid. Also on that Monday we did another investigation which was mixing milk and vinegar to make a plastic called Casein. We also mixed bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to produce a gas called Carbon Dioxide. On Tuesday, we were burning butter, wax, chocolate, bread and paper to see which were reversible or irreversible. On Wednesday, we made some delicious mug cakes and learned all about reactants and products. On Thursday we made some ice cream which was so nice and some people wanted to try it again at home. We had the best EVER science week. All our year want to say a thank MASSIVE you to the year 5 staff!

Year 6 This week in Year 6, we have been continuing our Andy Warhol-inspired art from last term and fractions in maths. Our new topic is 'Earth and Space' and we've learnt about the planets in our solar system, ready for when we write our non-chronological reports next week in literacy. As part of our weekly homework, we are also observing and recording the phases of the moon. Finally, as part of our 'Light' topic, we've investigated how light travels from a source to an object and into our eyes to allow us to see.

Music The Wednesday Boys have made a cracking start to the new year! What a talented and committed bunch they are! I am looking forward to meeting new and existing Singing Starz next Wednesday and Band on Thursday. The Song of the Week last week was 'Auld Lang Syne' to greet the new year. This week we have been singing, 'Get Loud' which is a song about finding confidence.