

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception In EYFS this week the children have been busy writing down all the different facts they have learned about Space this half-term. The children's writing will be collated so it can be made into a non-fiction book for the class reading area. In maths children have had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of time by making paper plate clocks and playing the O'clock bingo game. The focus has been on encouraging the children to use the language of time. On Wednesday afternoon EYFS had a special visit from Year 5. Both the year 5 pupils and the reception pupils worked together to conduct the 'Rocket Mouse' experiment. EYFS pupils were encouraged to make predictions, explain and justify their reasoning and then test their predictions by conducting the experiment. Both year groups had a wonderful afternoon working in small groups whilst simultaneously sharing their learning.

Year 1 We all thoroughly enjoyed a visit from our feathered friends at the Raptor Foundation this week. We were lucky enough to meet a Harris Hawk, Eagle Owl, Tawny Owl and a Barn Owl. We were able to stroke the birds, watch some flying and ask lots of questions, which our owl expert Liz did her best to answer! Ask your child how big our eyes would need to be, to be as good as an owl's... We have followed up our visit by looking at grouping animals, and naming parts of their bodies that we don't have, such as tails, claws and fins. We are finishing the week by investigating what owl pellets can tell us about the food owls eat. In Numeracy, we have consolidated our understanding of division and linked it to fractions. We should be really good at sharing food fairly with others now! Finally, a quick reminder regarding PE within the year group. We have indoor PE on a Tuesday afternoon and outdoor PE on a Thursday afternoon. Now that the weather is improving slightly, we will be going onto the playground more and more for our PE lessons during outdoor PE. Consequently, all children will need a pair of PE shoes, as well as their school shoes, to avoid getting muddy and remaining safe during the lesson. Thank you.

Year 2 We have been very busy in year 2 this week do assessments to find out what we know, what we still need to work on next term and the improvements we have made. In music we have watched a short extract from the ballet 'The Nut Cracker' and have composed our own piece of snowflake inspired music. In art we have made a northern lights themed picture using oil pastels, glitter and black paper. Our topic next half term is Greenfingers. We will be finding out how plants grow and the conducting an investigation to find out the best conditions for plant growth. The children will be coming home with two sunflower seeds to plant at home and a diary so they can record the progress of their sun flower seed. We will be seeing who can grow the tallest the sunflower in year 2. We wish you a happy and relaxing half term.

Year 3 This week in year 3 we have been doing loads of Literacy work. We have been working in groups to write plays based on stories from the Old Testament. We have written the play script in groups and have made the puppets or props. We have practised our plays in groups and performed them to the class. Hollywood needs to watch out, we have some budding writing and directors in year 3! We have also continued with our work on fractions. This week we have been adding and subtracting fractions. The teachers are amazed by how well the children have picked this up. The children are using the correct terms when talking about fractions too. Please ask them to tell you what a numerator or denominator are.

Year 4 In Year 4 we were doing the 2 step grid method. In Spelling we have been looking at prefixes e.g. credible – incredible. In Literacy, we have been writing our Viking stories, everyone loved it. Also, we finished our Viking dances, it's really fun. Moreover, in Music, we have been learning about Fredric Chopin. He was a child prodigy. He was born in 1810 and died in 1849. By Emily N & Daisy P

Year 5 This week in year 5 we have been getting ready for our weather reports. We've been in little groups of twos and threes. Moreover, we have been searching up lots of information on the cities temperatures. Furthermore, we've been having lots of fun learning about the Rainforests in different Countries. Class 11 and 12 have started writing stories about being an animal in the story about The Kapok Tree. In art we have been linking with our literacy and have been painting leaves and animals to surround the Great Kapok Tree. We have been continuing with improper and mixed numbers in maths. Also in P.E we played a match of bench ball in our houses (Rubies, Diamonds, Sapphires and Emeralds). In our games outside we have been leaning how to play basketball. We have been taught to push the ball using the dominate hand and to do it with the top of our finger tips. By Sophie and Keira

Year 6 This week in Science we have been learning about how we see colours and we used our learning to write secret messages to each other. We used certain colour pencils and then a red filter to read the hidden message. We have also been drawing on what we have been learning this half term to complete some assessments. In topic we have been learning about different time zones around the world.

Music Our Song of the Week is 'Recycle It' which fits in very nicely with the Y3 STOMP topic. Some children have brought in instruments they have made at home using bottles, pasta, boxes and other recycled materials. Y1 have been having fun using percussion instruments this week and have practised keeping time. Y2 have chosen instruments and thought about suitable times for snowflake music. Our next concert is the Spring Concert which is on 15th March. Children who are performing have been given letters.

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