## Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary,

**Reception** This week in EYFS we have focussed our learning on The Christmas Story. As it was performed by EYFS in the Nativity, we have read the book together, talked about the main events and characters in the story and discussed the vocabulary used. The children were confident to retell the story and share their opinions with each other. Santa's Grotto appeared in the unit which has caused lots of fun and entertainment with the pupils as they have been able to wrap presents, write cards and dress up as seasonal characters. We have also been very busy making our Christmas cards which the children are very excited about bringing home next week.

**Year 1** The last week of term! After a fantastic week of Christmas Productions, the children of Year 1 have continued to show a fantastic amount of enthusiasm towards their learning. In Maths we have begun to look at fractions with both classes cutting halves and quarters of different objects as well as beginning to look fractions of amounts! In Literacy we have been writing a piece of text for our Christmas cards we are making which should be finished by the end of the week. Only 11 more sleeps until Christmas!

Year 2 Year 2 have been getting stuck into our Science week where we have been exploring lots of different materials. We have looked at a mixture of man-made and natural materials and conducted a test to see which material would stretch the furthest. We also found out which ball was the bounciest and which paper is the strongest, recording our results in tables and bar graphs. We worked in pairs to try and build a waterproof shelter using only paper, art straws, playdough and wax crayons and have built bridges and put our engineering skills to the test to see which one could hold the most weight.

Year 3 The Year 3 teachers are proud of the children this week. They have performed fantastically well in their Christmas production. It is the first time that the children have been involved in evening performances and for some of the children, the show means they are very late to bed. Despite this, the children have been excited about their learning in class and their parts in the concert. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the Year 3 children who came back to perform in the evening. In class a lot of our work has been Christmas based. We have continued to learn about multiplication and division in Maths. In Literacy, we have continued with our learning about using inverted commas for speech.

Year 4 Miss Elliot and Miss Howe have been so pleased with the hard work and positive attitude that the children have displayed during our rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Concert. We thank you all for being supportive to the children with their singing practice and their costume preparations. In Maths, we have continued to learn about negative numbers in greater depth and have been understanding word problems in relation to this. Get some well-deserved rest over the weekend Year 4!

**Year 5** This week we have been working on our English and Science skills, as well as practising and performing our fantastic Christmas play. In English we are typing up our brilliant version of the snowman scene; illustrating it and creating a class book of 'The Snowman'. Furthermore in Science we investigated dissolving skittles in water and seeing if different materials dissolve too. After we investigated we found out that most of the materials only dissolved in hot water. By Isabella Pillay & Ethan O

**Year 6** This week in Year 6, we have been busy rehearsing for the KS2 Carol Concert performances. Our 'A Christmas Carol' stories are well underway and we look forward to reading these when we are finished. As well as this, we have consolidated this term's Mathematics and SPaG! Next term we are looking forward to our new topic: Earth and Space - you'll be 'over the moon' to hear that we have started to 'planet' and it's 'out of this world'!

**Music** We hope you have enjoyed our KS2 Carol Concert performances this week. We have been working hard on our performance skills to ensure you were well and truly entertained! We enjoyed the audience participation for 'Hark the Herald Sing'; we hope you were impressed that we knew all the words (well... most of them!). It is a very difficult skills to sing in more than one part but the Singing Starz and Year 5 made it look easy. For our grand finale all of us split into 3 parts for 'Peace Child'! The choristers at King's had better watch out after the Wednesday Boys' fine performance of 'Gaudete' (in Latin!) Well done KS2!