

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception The children have had a very busy week in EYFS. Our Phonics learning began with a special start as Mr Mills taught our first lesson and brought his pet snake in. Mrs Sitnikov showed us her amazing skills as she played her recorder and made the snake dance. This week we have learnt the phonemes 's', 'a', 't' and 'p' which the children will be practising at home and finding objects which start with each letter. Our Maths this week has been repeated patterns which the pupils have been very keen to create using a variety of resources.

Year 1 The second week of the half-term has seen the children continuing their firework-themed literacy learning. They have written recounts as to what they did over the weekend when the firework shows were occurring. In Phonics the children have been learning the Y sound with all its different pronunciations - they even met a Yeti! In Maths the children have continued to expand their knowledge of place value through our "build it, draw it, say it, write it" model. Maybe they could explain to you what this is? In PE both classes have begun to learn their dance for their Xmas Productions. Costume letters will be sent out by the end of the week so watch this space!

Year 2 Year 2 had a fantastic time Mountfitchet Castle; the children loved exploring the different buildings and climbing up the towers to keep watch. The children learnt a lot about life in a castle and the different jobs. The children very much enjoyed being put in the stocks and jail (the teachers quite liked this bit as well!) In Literacy we have been planning a Newsround style report about our school trip. In Maths we have been working on multiplication and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s by using skip counting and arrays. In Guided Reading we have been exploring our class text for this half term 'Dragons at Crumbling Castle' by Terry Pratchett and looking at the Wizard Fossfiddle.

Year 3 This week Year 3 have been doing something disgusting. We have been monitoring our eggs. Last week we put boiled eggs into a range of drinks to see how the sugar affected the shells (the egg shells are similar to teeth). We have observed them throughout this week. The results have been really interesting. The eggs in the water and milk were unchanged but the fruit juices had affected the shell much more. We have talked about what this means for our teeth. On Monday, we had a lovely autumnal day. We wrote autumn poems and focused on onomatopoeia to describe fireworks and the children are typing up their poems on the laptops. They have worked very hard, well done!

Year 4 Year 4 have been having a wonderful week exploring our brand new text, 'Father Christmas' by Raymond Briggs. So far, we have deduced that Father Christmas is not quite the jolly man we thought he was! In Maths, we have begun to add using column addition and are now exploring the use of the compact method. After the eventful musical instrument making workshop of last week, we have been writing instructions about how to make our imaginative creations.

Year 5 This week we went to Duxford Imperial War Museum. We had a fantastic day learning about different war aircrafts and how the manufacturing of planes have changed with time. The children were really enthusiastic about the real life Anderson shelter we saw and we also got to see World War 2 planes take off and land! Well done to all the children for their impeccable behaviour while they were at Duxford. Year 5 are now looking forward to our World War 2 day happening next week.

Year 6 In Year 6 we have enjoyed reading and discussing more of 'A Christmas Carol' and writing a persuasive letter as one of the characters. We have even managed to read and write with a fireplace and candle light! Fractions have been the focus in Maths this week as well as some work on negative numbers. Alongside our text, we are learning about the Victorian era and have also been experimenting with the iPads and laptops to create some digital art. In P.E., a team work challenge involving rope handcuffs left us all struggling!

Music Our Y5 children have returned to the recorder this week and made stunning progress with 'Jingle Bells'! Some children who could already play the recorder tried playing it on the treble recorder which has a different fingering pattern. We have been singing 'We Will Remember' which is a simple but reflective song for Remembrance. We have thought about our feelings and preferences about this song using musical language. We have also started to learn our Christmas Songs ready for our performances in December!