

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception We have started our new topic about 'Spring' in EYFS this week. We began with a spring walk around the school where we used our observation skills to notice the first signs of spring. The children's comments about what they saw and what they know about spring were added to our working wall. We would welcome any comments or pictures that the children observe at home, to share with their peers.

The children were keen to share their experiences which they had over half term with their class friends.

Year 1 In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue!

In 2017, year 1 have been extremely keen..... to learn all about the explorations of Christopher Columbus.

Monday saw the classrooms transformed to new lands waiting to be discovered - the desert, mountains, the jungle and the Arctic. We learnt how explorers set off in their tiny boats to find new routes to the Far East. It was fun to dress up on Thursday and be cabin boys, captains and able seamen for the day making the artefacts needed on our journeys. Little did we expect Christopher Columbus himself, to be there in person! What a great week of learning we've had!

Year 2 We have had a very busy and exciting week in year 2. It all began on Monday morning when the four key stage 1 teachers were ship wrecked in a far off land. This was the introduction to our themed week on Christopher Columbus and explorations. The children returned to their classrooms and found they have been changed into different environments. Class 5 was a jungle, class 6 became the desert and year 1 was turned into the Arctic and mountainous region. The children moved around all four classes on Monday exploring the different places. We have also written recounts of our adventures, found out more information about Christopher Columbus, made boats and lots of other exciting things. Please ask your child about the activities they have been doing this week. The children really enjoyed dressing up on Thursday as Christopher Columbus or a pirate or a member of the ships crew. Thank you for helping your child with their costumes.

Year 3 The children in year 3 have made us so proud this week! We have started to listen to their speeches. This is the first year that the children have done it and they have truly risen to the challenge. Each of the children had homework to prepare a 2 minute speech (as older children will know). The children then had to stand up on their own and do their speech in front of the class. It has been very exciting for us to hear about so many different topics. We have seen some children who have been bursting to do their speech and who have done it brilliantly. We have had others who were more nervous about it but they have still given it a go. They have amazed us with how brave they have been. Choosing who goes through to the next round is going to be very tricky! Apart from our speeches, we have also been very busy learning about a contrasting locality in the United Kingdom. We have chosen to learn about Whitby. We have talked about being by the seaside and what it is like in Whitby. The children have really enjoyed using oil pastels to produce pictures of Whitby. In addition to all of that, the children have continued with learning about fractions. This week we have moved on to learning about decimal fractions. The children have worked very hard and are gaining confidence when using decimals.

Year 4 Year 4 have had a positive start back to the next part of this spring term. We have been enjoying our Geography week and are particularly proud of our colourful paintings of Whitby, which will be up on display very soon! In maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter and are learning the different methods to work these out. Our Viking dances are coming along well and we are nearly at the end of our routine.

Year 5 This week has been History week and we have been focusing on the 'Ancient Islamic Empire' in Baghdad. Also we have been thinking about our class assembly and what we would like to share with the rest of the school and parents. Furthermore, in Maths we started the week with subtraction, using the method decomposition, then moved on to addition with the written method. Finally, in Literacy we have been learning about discussion texts. We know that they include views that are for, against and balanced views on different subjects. By Angie & Sophie

Year 6 This week in Year 6 we have learning about Early Islam Civilisation as part of History and Geography week! We have looked at the importance of Baghdad and learnt about the House of Wisdom. We have made some Islamic art and looked at significant discoveries that were made by early Islamic scholars. In Maths class 13 have been learning about coordinates and Class 14 have been multiplying fractions. We've started analysing explanation texts in literacy in preparation for writing about the 'Water Cycle'.

Music Our Song of Week is 'Where has the pancake gone?' in preparation for Shrove Tuesday next week. Well done Laila-Mae who brought in some additional work about Chopin this week. Y4 have now moved onto Indian music and we enjoyed dancing the Bhangra Mirza this week!