

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception What a fabulous first week back! The children have been immersed into our new topic of space this week, exploring planets, aliens, stars, galaxies and even writing our own questions asking how people survive and do ordinary daily activities up in space. Next week the school will be celebrating world book day alongside our class topics. We will be having an author visit on Monday and then celebrating in costumes on the Thursday. We will also be beginning forest school again next week, please check your letters to remind yourselves of the required equipment and your child's forest school day. Lastly, a huge thank you for the home learning projects that have already begun coming into school. We have been blown away by the children's knowledge of the different seasons and how the environment changes. Amazing work everyone!

Year 1 Year 1 have had a lovely week back. They have started the week off by finding mysterious blue footprints in the Key Stage 1 playground. With these footprints, the children knew they would have to go on hunt around the school. Then they found The Bog Baby! In English the children have been immersing themselves in the text by reading it, explaining how a character might be feeling and creating actions to remember the order of the story. In Maths this week the children have been looking at numbers and place value to 50. They have been making the numbers with different resources. In Science this week the children have planted broad beans in the classroom and by the KS1 playground. The children have also started looking at the local area in Geography and they have created their own passports. Next week the children will be looking at the features of how to write a recount in English. We will be looking at how to order and compare numbers to 50. In Science we are going to be looking at plants that England has growing in the wild.

Year 2 This week in English we had a mysterious picture arrive in our classrooms! We had to be detectives to try and work out who was in the picture and what they were like. We also wrote questions to ask the character and wrote a letter to him as a whole class. We hope that next week we will have a reply! In Maths, we have been dividing and sharing objects and numbers. Lots of the children are starting to see the link between dividing and multiplying e.g. 'I know that 20 divided by 5 is 4 because $5 \times 4 = 20$.' Next week, we will be moving onto exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We will be identifying the properties of shapes – vertices (corners), sides and lines of symmetry. We absolutely loved our SPACE DAY on Friday. We had lots of fun making rockets, singing songs and doing some acting imagining that we were in Space. We are very excited to continue learning about Space next week.

Year 3 Wow! What a great first week back in Year 3. The children have come back from their half term break enthusiastic and ready to learn. We started the week with an art day. It was lovely to spend the day refining our skills with drawing faces. We also explored the use of watercolours and had lots of fun with them. In Literacy we have started our new topic based on the story of Dick Whittington. We will be learning more about the story and about London in the past over the next few weeks. Our Maths lessons have been fantastic. The children have been learning how to use the grid method to multiply numbers beyond their times table knowledge. They have picked it up very well. The Year 3 staff are incredibly impressed with how much effort the children have put into their speeches. We have started listening to them this week. Next week we will be hearing the rest of them and choosing who will be doing their speech in front of the whole of the year group. It's very exciting!

Year 4 Year 4 have had a fantastic start back to the Spring term! We have enjoyed starting our non-fiction unit in English, where we will be writing non-chronological texts about the Vikings. We have focused on reading examples of reports, finding the features and identifying the purpose of features. Next week, we will begin to research topics for the reports. In Maths, we have been learning about length and perimeter. We have been converting metres and kilometres and finding the perimeter of different shapes. We have enjoyed investigating which materials are magnetic in Science and will be continuing to investigate forces and magnets this half term.

Year 5 What a lovely start to the new half term. It has been so lovely sharing all of Year 5's work at parents evening. This half term we have started to read our brand new book: Varmints. This picture book has very few words, so we are relying on the illustrations and our inference skills to tell the tale. At the end of the term, the children will be writing part 2 of this wonderful book. We are so excited to see what they come up with! In Maths, we have continued learning about negative numbers and have been applying our knowledge of negative numbers to 'test style' questions. Next week we are continuing to learn about skills in football, internet safety, the life process of plants and multiplication operations in maths.

Year 6 This week Year Six have been writing reports on a new planet which has been 'discovered' between Neptune and Pluto. Using all the key information on the other eight planets, they have come up with facts for this new one and have written some fantastic reports. Also, they have started work on algebra in Maths, looking at rules and forming expressions. In English, the pupils have begun studying 'The Day the Crayons Quit,' which is a wonderful children's book looking at emotions and hidden meanings. Finally they have created graphs on Textease. Well Done Year Six!

Music This week we had our first practice with the new group of Singing Stars; all 50 of them!! What a terrific sound! The Summer Concert will be on Thursday, 18th June. In Y3 we have started a new topic called STOMP. It is a rhythm based project based around the physical theatre group – look them up on YouTube! Meanwhile, see what rhythms you can make using everyday objects at home. In Y4 we are learning about Indian music. We have started to identify the main features and are learning the song, 'Under the Lemon Tree'. The Y5 children have linked their drumming rhythms to learning times tables and facts about the rainforest. We are now becoming pretty inventive with our own improvisation and composition. In Y6 we got into groups to plan our own space compositions. We needed to think about the characteristics of our planet and then decide how to use the inter-related dimensions of music to portray these features.