

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception Ash and Beech class have had lots of fun this week learning more sounds. They have made an octopus to support o, o, octopus socktopus. We also made caterpillars both inside and out to practise c, c, crunching caterpillar. We have been continuing with our subitising skills this week. We have been saying the number of sounds that we hear, such as how many beats we hear on the drum. We are encouraging the children to represent quantities in different ways by using a number of fingers on one hand. Lots of fun was had by both classes in the forest area. We looked around the natural environment to use our subitising skills.

Year 1 & Year 2 Key stage 1 have had a super end of the half term. In English we have planned and written our own newspaper reports about the Phoenix Meteor Shower, we chose a name for the paper, added a headline and tried to put many adjectives into our writing. In Maths, we have been finding out about the fact families, Year 1 wrote 4 different number sentences based on 3 numbers, Year 2 wrote 8 using addition and subtraction. In Science we did an experiment to test which materials would be best to make a spacesuit out of, we tested how flexible and how waterproof they are. In Art, we finished off our drawing unit by using coloured pencils to create different patterns. We also fished off our tennis sessions by playing in a mini tournament. After half term, our topic will be Frozen Planet!

Year 3 What a last week to the half term for Year 3! We have had one of the best weeks, on Tuesday we had such a great time be archaeologists at Flag Fen. The children had the best time playing games on the bus, but they really enjoyed creating their clay pots and having the story read to them in the roundhouse. On the way back it was lovely to see that the children were talking about their day or falling asleep. We then used our trip to help us with our Hot Write task where we had to write a recount all about our school trip, the children loved doing this as they could relive the experience again. In History this week, the children had to use their knowledge from our school trip and had to look at the different animals that were found in the Stone Age and think about what they might have been used for. For Maths we have continued to make numbers add to 100, we have had a lot of fun using dice to make up our 2-digit numbers that we then had to investigate what our missing number would be to make 100. We have also had a very busy week creating our artwork for R.E. – we had to create a piece of artwork that showed how we believed the world began using the creation stories to help us form these ideas. Miss Charlotte also brought in outfits so that we could film our final dance of our Crood/Stone Age project – it was awesome!!!

Year 4 What a great end to this half term. We are both really impressed with how the children have settled back into school life since September. A huge well done to them all! This week, year 4 have been looking at the features of Newspaper Reports, ready to produce their own at the end of the week. We have had great fun thinking of puns to put in their headlines and getting into character to produce witness statements. We have looked at how land use has changed over time in Geography and discovered how many public houses have been replaced with offices! Which the children thought was very amusing! We carried out an interesting experiment in Science to find out which type of magnet was the strongest and why. We hope you all have a lovely half term and looking forward to seeing you back.

Year 5 This week in English, our focus has been the theme of autumn and we are writing Autumn poems. First, we went outside and collected autumn objects and we used our five senses to describe the objects. We created mind maps in our books. After that, we read a variety of autumn poems and identified the following features including, alliteration, onomatopoeia, repetition and personification. We are now planning and writing our own poems that will include some of these features. We are looking forward to creating an autumn display with our poems. In Maths, we have been investigating shapes, angles, and other properties of shape. We went outside to look for angles in nature and created our own shapes and pictures using sticks by laying them out on the playground and then we used chalk to write a key and label the angles. We worked in groups and shared our shapes and pictures at the end of the lesson. We really enjoyed having Maths outside. We have also been learning about 'Tangrams' and solving problems.

Year 6 Firstly, congratulations to Willow class for their class assembly, the children worked hard to decide their own script and way of presenting what they are learning about. As this half term draws to a close the year 6 children continue to work tirelessly across all subjects. Science saw the children investigating circuits and how they can change the flow of electricity by adding switches, bulbs and buzzers. We were particularly impressed with the quality and presentation of the diagrams they produced. We continue to investigate and learn more about the Industrial Revolution across various subjects such as English, Philosophy and History. Watch out Wimbledon because we have some potential professional tennis players here at Wheatfields! The children's skills in tennis continue to develop and progress under the expert teaching of Mr Puckey.

Music The Word of the Week is Dynamics. This is the volume of the music. In music, we use loud and quiet but we have a range of Italian words to describe different levels. In the car we say, 'Turn the volume up!' but in music we use up and down for Pitch, not Dynamics! So confusing!! In Year 6, we got into groups to plan our own 12 bar blues

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songs. Some of us started to add the ukulele chords and thought about what we would do in the answer phrases. In Year 5, we put the final touches to our Egyptian chant and recorded them. We were delighted to have a live cornet player in each class taking the part of Tutankhamen's trumpet! In Year 4, we practised our own compositions and played them as part of a final performance of Mamma Mia. We also saw a clip of ABBA's new album, 'Voyage', and compared their most recent album to the music of the 70s and 80s. In Year 3, we appraised 'The Lion' by Camille Saint-Saens. We performed an animal song using instruments to play word rhythm patterns. We watched 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofiev.