

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception We have had fun in EYFS this week practising our fine motor skills. We have been busy with buttons, beads, cotton buds and pipe cleaners. We are sure the children will enjoy sharing their learning at home. It has been a pleasure meeting all of our parents at the consultations and we are sure you are as proud as we are how all the pupils have settled into school. Wishing you all a restful half term and a reminder that we will be lining up on the playground in the mornings when we get back.

Year 1 We did it! One whole half term completed! Congratulations one and all for your hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to your learning! The final week of half term has seen the children of Year 1 undertake an investigation on Traction Man's behalf to help some stranded dollies who had their roof blown off. The children concluded that metal would be the best material to use to help the dollies keep dry in their house as metal was waterproof! In Maths the children have undertaken a pumpkin investigation. You heard right, a pumpkin investigation! Last week both classes found their pumpkins in the school grounds and this week we have measured its mass and other features. In Phonics the children have been reading about a snoring farmer and focusing on how the 'a' sound can be pronounced in many different ways! We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable half term and all the Year 1 staff will see you in a week's time!

Year 2 Year 2 have had a really fun week. We have been pretending to be astronauts on the ISS by taking part in six different investigations and experiments. The children explored space goo, kinetic sand and water beads they also had some tricky balancing games, den building and drawing space pictures. We have been writing about our investigations in Literacy and using joining words to stretch our sentences. The children have loved getting stuck in and working as part of a team. In Maths we have been consolidating our adding and subtracting skills by working on word problems. We hope you have a fun half term and we are really looking forward to starting our castles topic after half term.

Year 3 This week in year 3 we have been learning how to extend our sentences. We have been starting these using fronted adverbials. As a result, our writing is going to be much better. In Maths we have been learning about time. We all enjoyed looking at calendars and talking about when important dates are. Our big event this week was our school trip to Flag Fen. We had a great day! The children loved finding out about how people lived in the Stone Age. The staff were very proud of how the children behaved.

Year 4 This half term has flown by and all of the children in Year 4 have worked really hard. We have completed our Literacy work studying the Lost Happy Endings by writing a diary recount from the point of view of Jub. Building up to our writing, we looked at the chronology of the story and in groups performed each section. We certainly have some budding actors in Year 4! In Maths, we have continued to look at time (telling the time on analogue and digital clocks and calculating time intervals). We are nearly ready to showcase our gymnastic routines in PE and in Science we have been designing hearing aids and explaining how they would work. After half term, we will be making our own musical instruments so please could the children bring in any empty boxes, tubes or containers that would be suitable. Thank you. Have a wonderful half term!

Year 5 This week in Year 5, we have been applying our mathematical skills and knowledge in our end of term assessments. In Literacy we have taken on roles from the book Goodnight Mr Tom and created a news broadcast about an event in the book. From this we have written a newspaper about the event. We are really looking forward to our trip to Duxford after half term! Finally we have made our own model Anderson Shelters using a shoebox and materials from around the school.

Year 6 As predicted, this week has been another busy one in Year 6. We have finished our models of our Lost Things and added the electrical circuits. Once we were done, we spent some time learning about explanations and instructions before writing our own about how to make our model and how the circuit worked. We also continued learning about how light travels and used various methods to split light into its different colours. We had varying degrees of success with this but enjoyed using the prisms and CD as they worked particularly well. Dr Tape and Miss Elliott hope everyone has a good rest during half term and come back ready for lots more afterwards!!

Music We have some budding song writers in Y6; they have been composing their own 12 Bar Blues songs! Y3 made links with their work about Saint-Saens and his 'Carnival of the Animals' by interpreting a graphic score to create their own Aquarium music. Y5 analysed the different variations in Glenn Miller's arrangement of 'Little Brown Jug' then taught themselves to play the main theme on the keyboard. Y4 have also made learning links with previous weeks by reviewing what they know about Beethoven and the string family. Visit www.youngvoices.co.uk and go to the Children's resources to practise the fabulous songs we will be singing at the Birmingham Arena in January. The code is: YVConcerts2018.