

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week the children have been continuing our learning about space. We have been overwhelmed by the amazing learning that has been taking place at home, space stories, illustrations of the solar system and even space facts; please keep them coming! Next week we will be reading the story whatever next, focusing our thoughts on how we travel into space and learning about the moon. World book day was a hit in EYFS, we had so much fun learning about the children's favourite books, characters and even finding some similarities in our favourite genres. Please continue to share their favourite stories on Tapestry and bringing in books we can share during story time.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 the children have been comparing numbers to 50 by using the mathematical language, greater than, less than and equal to. The children have also been looking at one more and one less. In English this week the children have been learning about the features of a recount. They have looked at verbs changing from present tense to past tense. They have looked at different time conjunctions that they could start a sentence with. On Monday the children loved their visit from the author Elizabeth Price. They engaged in different activities throughout the day to gain confidence in a talent that they might have. In Geography the children looked at St Ives in Google maps and they were then able to explore the local area using Street view, which blew their minds! Next week the children will be writing their recount from the character Chrissy's point of view from Bog Baby. In Maths the children will be counting in 5s and 2s.

Year 2 On Monday we had a visit from the author Elizabeth Price, who shared her story 'The Meadow Farm Talent Show' with us. It had a lovely message that it is OK to make mistakes and you just need to try again. We learnt a song about the story and then got to have a go at drawing some of the story characters. In English we have been continuing to find out more information about Bob – the Man on the Moon. We were really excited to receive a letter from Bob! He told us all sorts of interesting facts, including how he eats spaghetti in space and what his favourite planet is. We have written a character description of Bob and we imagined that we were Bob and wrote a diary entry about our day. Next week we will be looking at a different story with a mysterious beginning. In Maths, we have completed our unit on division. We have been problem solving, using the times table facts that we already know to help us share equally. We know that multiplication is commutative e.g. $5 \times 4 = 20$ is the same as $4 \times 5 = 20$ and we can also use these facts to write division sentences e.g. 20 divided by 5 is 4 and 20 divided by 4 is 5. Next week, we are exploring 2D and 3D shapes – naming them, identifying their properties and saying how they are different and similar to each other. We have sent home a shape name mat to help your child. Well done to all our children who are working so hard to improve their Maths skills and doing their Mathematics activities. New activities are set on Friday and we hope that your child continues to access them regularly. In History we created a timeline of the important people that have been in space and in P.E we continued to work on our football skills. Next week, we will be learning more about the famous astronaut, Neil Armstrong.

Year 3 In Maths, Year 3 have been venturing into the depths of division this week. And not any old division - longish division. Number lines and cuisinaire rods are helping us break up big problems into smaller, more manageable ones. Our non-fiction writing is developing well as we investigate report writing, linked with our Geography topic, London. Games lessons are highly enjoyable at the moment as we are exploring our footie skills. But remember - no headers! We don't want to damage our fantastic brains! It was great to see so many dressed up for World Book Day, but better than that was hearing about all our favourite books! I wonder how many are for sale at the Book Fayre? And once again, how lovely it was to see so many of you at our Stay and Read session. Thank you! Next week we'll be preparing mind maps to help us write our own reports about London, complete with paragraphs and sub headings. We can't wait!

Year 4 Year 4 are becoming history detectives as they discover more about the Viking period in history. In English they have researched different aspects of Viking life ready to write their non-chronological reports next week and have also been busy practising how to write a successful non-fiction paragraph. Whilst in art they have drawn some amazing pictures of Vikings. In Maths the children have been finding the area of rectilinear shapes. The children have delivered some interesting and informative speeches in the first round of the Public Speaking competition and all looked fabulous dressed as their favourite book characters on World Book Day.

Year 5 What a wonderful week it's been! Even though it's cold and wet, it hasn't dampened our spirits! Our trip to the Botanical Gardens and Museum of Zoology was AMAZING! The children were amazed to learn about the adaptations of the animals and we even got to hold real skulls! At the Gardens, we felt what it was like to be in the rainforest; we closed our eyes and used our senses to take in our surroundings. It was a magical place, we wish we could have stayed for longer! This week we also had visitors to look at our maths work. We have really enjoyed showing and sharing what we have learnt. Next week we will continue to look at distributive law and algorithms. In English we are writing our character description.

Year 6 This week Year 6 have been looking at the text 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' As well as fascinating them with its illustrations, the text has also allowed the pupils to see that it is a wonderful example of how to use persuasive techniques. Continuing to dive into the algebraic pool, Year 6 have shown their understanding of expressions, equations and substitution. Finally, there have been some magnificent speeches on a wide variety of topics for our Public Speaking competition, making it very difficult indeed to choose five from each class to go through to our 'final.' All in all, a wonderful week!

Music In Year 3 this week we watched brooms by Stomp and discovered the different ways the performers were using them to make sounds. We experimented making sounds using junk percussion and we are getting really good at reading rhythms in standard notation. In Year 4 we learnt about the 3 layers of Indian music. We concentrated on rhythm this week and used the table drums to create our own Indian music. In Year 5 we linked our learning to World Book Day by improvising rhythms based on our character and composing rhythms based on our literacy book Varmints. In Year 6 we used instruments to create our planets compositions. We made sure they had a structure, a motif and other inter-related dimensions of music to portray the character of our planet.