

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception In Reception this week the children have been exploring doubling. They have been doubling their numbers to 10 focusing on practically showing their understanding with different materials and resources. I am really impressed with their resilience to practise new skills such as doubling in their play as well as within adult led learning opportunities. Within Literacy, the children have been continuing to practise their cursive letter formation when writing their names. We can already see the progress all of the children are making in trying to start the letters from the correct starting points. Mrs Baker and I have also been noticing the fantastic efforts that have been going on at home through your videos and pictures on tapestry. We adore catching up on the amazing support and learning that is going on at home so please do continue to add observations over the half term. We would also like to thank all of the families who attend parents evening this week, it has been a great chance to share how well the children have settled in and what a delight it is to have them at Wheatfields Primary School. We wish everyone a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you when we return. Happy Holidays!

Year 1 This week has been a busy week for Year 1! We have been looking at ordering numbers from smallest to biggest in Maths. In Literacy this week we have started to look at making our own story that uses the hero Traction Man but changes the characters and the setting. In Phonics we have learnt the 'i-e' split vowel diagraph and read 'The Jolly Postman' to help us with this sound. Also the children have started to look at Sikhism and understand why the 5 K's are important to this faith.

Year 2 The last week of the half term is here! This week we have finished our letters in response to the King Henry V's call to arms to defeat the 'terrible beast' roaming the countryside. We used all of the skills that we learnt over the last three weeks and walked to the Post Office to send them to the Knight! In Maths we have been attempting to answer tricky reasoning problems involving place value and number knowledge. The teachers have been expecting us to write down why we know the answers we have produced are correct/incorrect. We have also designed and produced our Xmas cards that will be available for parents to purchase! All the teachers and adults from the phase would like to say well done to everyone for their hard work and start to the year. All the children deserve a rest now, but we would love for them to continue to read at home for five minutes every day with an adult/older sibling/family member!

Year 3 This week has been very busy in year 3. We have had a science week. It started at the end of last week when we had a visit from a dental nurse. It was really interesting especially when Mrs Hill used a disclosing tablet on her teeth. This week we have learnt about the different types of teeth and we have discussed why animals have different teeth to us. We have learnt about what the inside of a tooth looks like too. The children have talked about what it is like to visit a dentist and how to keep teeth clean. Year 3 have also continued to enjoy our rugby lessons with the rugby coach every Thursday. The children are really starting develop their passing skills now and work well in teams.

Year 4 Year 4 have had a productive week. We have completed our half termly maths, reading and SPAG assessments. In maths we have been exploring fractions of numbers. In science we looked at how you can change the pitch of an instrument and had a go at doing this on a variety of instruments. In literacy we have looked at how to use inverted commas for speech and finding better words for said. We spent Wednesday investigating different religious pilgrimages from around the world. We also got into the Christmas spirit by making some fantastic Christmas cards, look out for them after half term. The half term homework is to collect materials ready to make musical instruments the first week back.

Year 5 Read all about it, read all about it! This is hot off the press: The mysterious disappearance of Rose Blanche has been reported by the Year 5 journalists. The villagers of a small town in 1945 Germany were shocked to the core after reading the harrowing newspaper reports published by the reporters at Wheatfields Primary School! If we jump forwards to 2018... Year 5 have made beautiful WW2 silhouetted London skylines, you find these dotted around the unit on the windows! Finally this week we have been building it, drawing it, saying it and writing it with addition and subtraction questions. Mrs Khan and Miss Vickers want to wish Year 5 a restful half term, see you in science week!

Year 6 We have packed a lot into our first half term in Year 6 and this week has been no exception! Cross curricular has been our theme, linking our English text, Science and Mathematics into a DT project, to design and make a 'Lost Thing.' Our classrooms were buzzing with creativity as we grouped together to bring ideas to the table, discussing, disagreeing and discarding initial ideas until we reached a final design. We were very pleased with the outcomes, which had to include an electrical circuit. We tried very hard to use Scientific vocabulary as our Science work continued, with a focus on 'Light.' Using the features of explanation texts we used diagrams to explain how a light source helps us to see things. No half term would be complete without evaluating our learning so far with some progress reviews. Exhausted, we are looking forward to recharging our batteries with a week off!

Music This week in music our Year 3s have learnt a new note on the recorder and are now playing 3 note tunes! They also chose instruments to describe their own underwater scene and decided how the instruments should be played. Year 4s are becoming more confident playing the keyboard and many children are teaching themselves how to play new tunes by reading standard notation. In Year 5 we studied a Glenn Miller piece in detail; 'Little Brown Jug'. We analysed it to work out how Glenn Miller created variations and then we played the main theme on the glockenspiels. In Year 6 we learnt how to play Johnny B Goode (a 12 bar blues song) on the ukulele

