

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception The children in Early Years have been learning the 'd', 'n' and 'g' sounds. They created dinosaur-digging maps, showing the route taken to find the buried dinosaurs – they were fantastic! On the large playground, we went on a hunt for sounds and practised writing them with chalk. They have many letters to remember now, so any additional practising of these at home would really help. In the continuous provision, the children have continued to observe changes that autumn brings. They have looked at pumpkins, collected and made leaf prints and discussed how the weather is changing. Our maths sessions have focused on the number 3. They have looked for collections of 3 items inside and out, noticing that 1 and 1 and 1 make 3, including 2 and 1 make 3. They have realised that 3 can be made up of a variety of objects. If you are out on an autumn walk, maybe you could encourage your child to find collections of 3 items.

Year 1 & Year 2 We have had another busy week in Year 1/2! In English, we have been using capital letters and full stops and identifying nouns and adjectives. In Maths, we have completed an end of unit assessment and we have been looking at the part-part-whole model. In Maths Fluency, we have been looking at the composition of numbers 5-9. In PE, we created a rolling rally. We focused on stopping the ball with control before rolling it back to our partner. Our tennis skills are improving every single week. We cannot wait for our final tennis lesson with Mr Puckey next week! In RE we have completed an independent write on what we have learnt about the Harvest Festival. We also created scarecrow stick puppets! We have really enjoyed sharing all of the amazing home learning creations. Thank you for your support with this at home.

Year 3 The children in year 3 this week have been expanding their vocabulary. We have looked at sentences from our class text and we are improving them. We have looked at how we can improve writing by the use of adjectives to describe nouns, using more verbs that are powerful and adverbs to describe the verbs. The children have been absolutely brilliant at this and their improved sentences are so much better than the sentences in our book. In maths, we have been learning about 100. We have looked at ways of making 100 and can talk about its factors. It is great to see how the children are making links with their learning in maths and applying it to bigger numbers. In our science lesson this week, we continued with our topic on teeth. This week we talked about why animals have different teeth and how this links to their diet. Our dance lesson was really exciting. We learnt the final section in our Stone Age dance ready to rehearse it and film it next week.

Year 4 In English we have started a different type of writing style and looking at writing newspaper reports. We have been identifying the features this week and discussing numerous different reports. Maths- we are now finishing 4 digit place value, ensuring all children are able to identify each value confidently, being able to make them with math equipment and be fluid when being asked to identify 4 digit numbers. Science- we have been looking at magnets and testing materials as a class, identifying points on a magnet. PE- carrying on from last week, we have been hitting the ball with accuracy, beginning to rally with a partner. ICT- looking at browsing, different search browsers and how to find information online. Geography- recapping 4 figure grid references and started using this knowledge to plan routes on a map, combining previous learning of compass points and directions. A busy week in year 4!

Year 5 The children have really impressed us with their versions of 'Du Iz Tak.' They have been writing their own opening, build up, conflict, resolution and ending. They have included lots of expanded noun phrases, speech, senses and persuasion. In Maths, they have been learning about tenths using the Cuisenaire Rods and Dienes apparatus. In Science, the children have been continuing their work on separating materials and learning about the best processes to do this. In Art we have been designing winter scenes on card. We have been so impressed with the tennis skills in P.E. The children have been focussing on serving the ball and controlling where the ball lands.

Year 6 Well done Year 6, you have been so amazing this week. We have been working on a discussion text 'Was life better before the Industrial Revolution?' in history. During maths, the focus is now on division and finding the rules of divisibility for different numbers. The topic in science is 'electricity and light' and we have been investigating 'circuits'. Sycamore had their class assembly and it was great to see all the parents and grand-parents. Willow class assembly is next week and we look forward to seeing their performances.

Music The Word of the Week has been Quaver. This is drawn with a black note head, a stem and a tail. It is worth $\frac{1}{2}$ a beat and is usually seen joined to another quaver with a beam. Y6 practised shifting between different chords on the ukulele, we listened to Johnny B Goode and identified the 12 Bar Blue structure then composed a class song of our own! In Y5, we notated some of the rhythms for our Egyptian chant then we started to create an arrangement in layers using melody, rhythm and chords. We also added a gong as an introduction. In Y4 we listened to 'Thank you for the Music' by ABBA and composed our own riffs for Mamma Mia. In Y3, we listened to Cocks and Hens by Saint Saens and identified rhythms in an animal song.

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