

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception What a fabulous first term at school it has been. We are immensely proud of all of the children in Class 1 and Class 2 – they started school in a very strange way and yet they have taken it in their stride; learning new routines, making new friendships and already learning so many new things. We have had a very Christmassy week this week – writing letters to Father Christmas, making decorations and just enjoying our time together. We hope you have a really lovely, restful and safe Christmas and we will see you all in 2021!

Year 1 What a term it has been! We are so proud of the way that the children in Year 1 have adapted during such an unusual time. They create such a positive and happy atmosphere in the classroom. Our last week of term has consisted of lots of Maths work and fun-filled Christmas activities! Next term we will be introducing our new text in English which is 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage. In Maths, will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes for the first week back. Our PE days next term are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** so please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days please. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in January! 😊

Year 2 **This week** in English, we have written letters from a young knight back home to his mum and dad. We have read about life in a castle and answered questions. In our spellings, we have been learning about the prefix un- and the -dz sound. We were very excited to get a letter back from Father Christmas! **In Maths** we have been finding the missing number to make 100, in tens and ones and adding three single digit numbers. **In History** we have been understanding what life was like in the past by writing a letter from a knight to his mum and dad and learning about an artist called Paul Klee and discussing his abstract interpretation of a castle and working in his style to create our own.

After the holidays, in English, we will be starting writing an adventure story. We will be sharing an Oliver Jeffers text as our focus story. Our spelling focus will be the /n/ sound spelt kn and gn at the beginning of words. In GPS, we will be learning what a noun is. **In Maths** we will continue with addition and subtraction, drawing tens and ones and solving one step word problems. We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Year 3 This week we challenged the children to create a Christmas decoration with 10 lolly pop sticks. The children had to plan what they were going to make before they could draw what they were making. They then went on to create their designs with glitter, paints and coloured paper. The children then evaluated their decorations that they made by saying what they liked and what they could do to make it better. The children also created their own Christmas baubles! They have also completed some Christmas maths where they had to complete a pictures. We have also enjoyed our learning this term. The children have worked super hard this term! Have a lovely Christmas!

Year 4 The holidays are nearly here and both Mrs Davies and I would like to say a huge well done to all the Year 4 children. In what has been a challenging autumn term they have all showed real resilience and worked exceptionally hard. They certainly deserve their break! During our final week we have found out more about how Christmas is celebrated across the world and finished our football sessions led by Mr Puckey, with a house team challenge. The children all enjoyed watching magic snow grow, which was part of our science lesson as they were trying to find out the how much water was needed to make the greatest amount of snow. We have also had fun making Christmas cards too. We wish you all a very merry Christmas! 🍷🍷

Year 5 What a busy week in Year 5 with 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. Children have thoroughly enjoyed the creative work this week and Bauble Cinema at the end. The Year 5 team wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Stay safe and have a relaxing break. See you in 2021.

Year 6 Well, it hasn't exactly been a normal week in year 6 but we have managed to enjoy ourselves and still be festive anyway!! We have finished our learning about fractions and I can't tell you how impressed I am with how all the children have grasped these complex topics and methods!! It's been five weeks on this subject area but we have really cracked it! In English, we have finished off our learning on A Christmas Carol and, again, it is amazing to see how much the children have learned and matured in their understanding of the text. It hasn't all been work though – we have also had our decoration afternoon (so you look forward to seeing our creations when we bring them home!) and we have been doing a lot of art. Some of this has been for a display for next term and we have also done some festive Warhol-style painting. The children who have been busy doing home learning have done the same and it has been lovely to have so many of them keep in touch via email and Google Classroom over the course of the week. We may not all be able to be together but we are still all very much a part of year 6! Hope you all have a fantastic, glittery Christmas!

Music The Word of the Week is Melody: a sequence of notes which create a tune. A musical sentence.

Year 6 have investigated Victorian Christmas Carols this week and compared them to modern tunes. Well done to those of you in class 14 who completed the tasks set. I have received some really fabulous contributions! Year 5 have finished their learning about music during WW2. We learnt that many of our Christmas favourites were written during WW2 and recorded by some of the artists we have learnt about this term such as Glenn Miller and Vera Lynn e.g. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas (1942) and Let it Snow (1945). We also enjoyed responding to our modern Christmas songs! Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed creating Christmas rhythms as well as learning Christmas songs. It has been strange doing music at Christmas without singing but we've used different musical skills so we can still join in with the festivities! Create your own Christmas playlist and have a jolly good sing at home! Merry Musical Christmas to you all!