

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see the children back, we hope you had a lovely, restful Christmas break. This week in EYFS we have been really impressed with how the children have come back and settled in to school routines. We have spent the last few days sharing our holiday news, drawing and writing about it and recapping our phase 2 sounds. We have been doing some subitising and practising counting by rote to 10. We have really noticed the improvement in those who have been reading regularly at home so a really big thank you to those supporting with that! Please send your child's books in every week and try to either read or do the phonics cards daily; it really does make a huge difference. Next week we will be starting our new topic 'people who help us', looking at the book 'Emergency' and talking about the different people in our community who help us. In maths we will be exploring shapes and their properties.

Year 1 It has been wonderful to welcome Year 1 back to school. It was lovely to see that they had been keeping up with their reading over the Christmas break. We have been doing reading, phonics and maths assessments and are looking forward to starting our work on shapes and 'people who help us' next week. In Art this week we have created a colour wheel looking at primary and secondary colours. In science we have started looking at our new topic of materials and identified lots of different materials in our classrooms. PE and Forrest school will start next week, these both take place outside so please make sure you please send in appropriate clothing for them to wear. Keep up the amazing reading you are all doing at home it is having a huge impact on the children and their learning.

Year 2 Happy new year from Year 2! What a fantastic start to the year we have had! All of the Year 2 teaching team are really impressed with the children's attitude and focus coming back after Christmas. This week in Geography, we have enjoyed learning about our world and its seven continents and five oceans. Do you know which continent is the smallest? The wettest? The hottest? Next week we will be starting our topic 'Frozen Planet' and focusing on the North and South poles.

Year 3 The return to school in year 3 has been fantastic. The children have thought about what they want to achieve this year and are very focussed on achieving it. Our learning focus this week has been our new topic about light. We have talked about sources of light and why light is so important. We have found it very tricky to know what is on our table without being able to see it! We are continuing with this topic next week and will be learning about how light travels and how shadows are formed.

Year 4 It was delightful to see all the children back in school and so excited to be here. We kick started off the week by thinking about our hopes and wishes for 2022. It was lovely hearing from the children how they want to challenge themselves with their learning but also hearing the exciting things the children have to look forward to in their personal lives. The first week consisted of lots of lovely science. We continued to focus on sound and investigated how we change pitch and the best material for soundproofing. The children really benefit from hands on exploration and enjoyed using rulers and elastic bands to change the pitch. It was great to see the children engaging with their science and working on using scientific vocabulary in their explanations. Both classes were able to experience brilliant sessions with the Life Education centre about healthy bodies and drug education. It was a great opportunity for the children and they will be continuing to learn about these topics in their PSHE this term.

Year 5 With our Second World War history topic, what an amazing start of the year 2022! We have been analysing why WW2 started and enjoyed the detailed discussion about it. In English, we will be writing a settings description in a couple of weeks so we have been reading and identifying features of a settings description. Perimeter, Area and Scaling are our new units for Maths. Overall, it has been great to see all the children engaging with their learning so well.

Year 6 **This week**, we have been on the Life Education Bus. Our learning was based around 'decisions'. We developed an understanding of the body and how anything we put into our bodies could get into our blood. We learnt about some ways of categorising drugs, including medical and non-medical. We are able to name a number of people in our 'network of support'. **This week in Maths** we have been applying our knowledge of the four operations to calculate efficiently, plus we have completed our practice SATs papers. **In our Topic**, we have learnt some new vocabulary that will be useful in our new topic 'Earth and Space'. In Art, we have created a portrait of an astronaut. **Next week in English**, we will read and discuss the text 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew. **In Maths**, we will be focusing on our understanding of how to calculate perimeters and areas of rectangles (plus some composite shapes). **In our topic**, we will find out about the solar system.

Music The Word of the Week is 'Time-Signature' which is how many beats in a bar. Y3 have started a new topic based on Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. We started to learn the song and have identified the instruments Bob Marley has in his band. We played some games based around the song to help us with our pitch and rhythm skills. Y4 are learning about the piano music of Chopin. We have also started to learn how to play the keyboard. Y5 are linking their music with their class topic about World War 2. We learnt about Dame Vera Lynn and Glenn Miller.

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