

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception We have all had a great week finishing our art work and storytelling of our topic book Handa's Surprise. Next week the children will be exploring the story of stickman. We will be thinking about the repetitive language from the story to support our re-telling of the tale in addition to exploring the different characters. Alongside our topic worm the children will be exploring numberblock Octoblock! Octoblock is a superhero who enjoys saving the day. We would love to see how you can make 8 at home and share these ideas in class using Tapestry. We will look at how to make 8 in different ways as well as in comparing its value to numbers 1-7 thinking about our language of less and more. We will then use and stretch our understanding across the environment and forest school. As you know, next week we will be hosting our phonics cafe and also celebrating the school Christmas fair on Friday 22nd. We can't wait to see everyone there! Lastly, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to those families you took part in our wildlife home learning. The children were so excited to share their work and had great fun talking about their favourite animals. We were all extremely impressed by their knowledge and all the hard work that had gone into their posters and 3D models. Thank you

Year 1 In Year 1 this week the children have been writing their Non-chronological reports about owls with all the information that they were given by The Raptor Foundation! The children have enjoyed writing all of their facts and creating captions for the owl pictures! In maths this week the children have been writing 8 number sentences that link to 3 different numbers between 0 and 10. In Science this week the children have been writing facts that they already knew about the sun. In PE we are learning about the different throws that are used in Netball. The children have been learning about the alternate sounds for 'igh' in Phase 5. Next week the children will be writing non-chronological reports about nocturnal animals and looking at shapes in Maths. Thank you to the children who have brought in their Nativity costume we look forward to seeing the rest of them soon. Just a little reminder that the Christmas fayre is next week and could we have and response letters to come back asap please.

Year 2 This week in Year 2, we have been learning about the jobs people did in castles, long ago. Our visit to Mountfitchet Castle helped us understand some of the things that people did - none of us wanted to be a Gong Farmer and clean the privvy! (YUK!) In our English, we have been creating our own dragon stories, using ideas from the dragon stories that we have already read and shared. In PE, we have started making up our class dances for our Christmas nativity play 'Wriggly Nativity'. In art, we were inspired by Monet's poppy pictures as we thought about Remembrance. Next week in English, we will be writing letters from the dragon to George the mouse. In topic, we will be thinking about what life was actually like in a castle. In maths we have been looking at fact families for numbers up to 20. Next week we are going to look at number bonds to 100 and related facts.

Year 3 Class 7 did their class assembly this week and they were amazing! The children decided what they wanted to include and they worked very hard in groups to write the sections of it. Lots of people commented on how confidently they spoke and what a wide selection of learning they shared. Now we are looking forward to class 8 doing their assembly next week. In maths we have enjoyed some Maths Week activities. The children have carried out an investigation about height. They have worked very well in groups to measure children in class and to answer our question. We tried to find out 'What is the difference between the height of the tallest person in the class and the shortest? In our literacy work we have continued to work on non-chronological reports. In preparation for writing them, the children have been using a range of conjunctions in their writing. This is to help them to extend sentences. Next week we will be continuing with our work on healthy eating and digestion. It might get a bit messy!

Year 4 Although there are still nearly 6 weeks until Christmas, Year 4 have started looking at their new text Father Christmas by Raymond Briggs. We have been looking closely at the character of Father Christmas and drawing inferences about him from his behaviour and speech. During maths week we measured our heights and calculated which class was the tallest - it was Class 10 but only by 60cm! Also, we have used our computing time to practice our maths skills on Mathletics and score lots of points! In geography we have compared human and physical features and have introduced our new science topic about states of matter. Next week we will begin looking at instructional writing in English and estimation and efficient methods in maths. In addition we will be starting to practice for the Christmas play.

Year 5 Maths Week 2019 has come and gone but it was definitely memorable. Did you know you can measure a tree using a piece of paper? Well... Year 5 certainly know! It may have been rainy and wet this week, but the weather hasn't dampened our mathematical minds. We have been racing to get to the top of the leader board in Times Tables Rockstars and the children have been keen to show off their skills in the multiplayer option, they've even given us teachers a run for our money! All in all we have had a wonderful week celebrating our love and enthusiasm for maths and look forward to continuing our learning next week.

Year 6 Year Six have been comparing rich and poor households in Victorian times and have written beautiful extended pieces about it. These aren't the only 'properties' they have been looking at though, as they have focused on properties of numbers in maths such as factors, multiples, prime numbers and square numbers. Finally, they are creating their own wonderful displays on the Victorian topic, which will undoubtedly look AMAZING and GLAMOROUS (just like the year 6 teachers!)

Music The word of the week is 'Pulse/Beat'. Pulse is the musical heartbeat of music. When we nod our head, clap or hands or tap our foot when we are keeping to the beat of the music. We are all working hard to learn our songs for the Christmas Production and have started trying to memorise the words. The Young Voices code is YV2020. The updated website seems to work!