

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception The children have come back to school full of beans and excited to share their half term adventures! Our theme for our final half term in EYFS is 'under the sea' and our focus book for the next three weeks is 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. The moral of the story is that sharing can bring happiness to yourself and others. We have discussed the importance of sharing and thought of times when we have shared. We have been sequencing the key parts of the story by using pictures, writing sentences about the characters, creating story maps and role-playing. Not only that but we have even transformed part of our classroom into an aquarium, it looks fabulous! In Maths, we have introduced teen numbers (11-20) and we have been ordering them. We enjoyed our forest fun this week by collecting many materials to make our own artwork. We gathered many natural objects and designed a masterpiece with a partner. We are going to monitor them in their natural environment and observe any change.

Year 1 The children have had a super start for their final term in Year 1. We have started work on our new topic 'Under the Sea' by reading the 'Rainbow fish' in English. We have sequenced the story and created our own story map using pictures. In maths, we have been doing our final assessment, the children have been working really hard and using all the skills they have learnt over the year. In art, we painted our crown jewels and they are looking fabulous. In science we have started learning about animal classification, the children had great fun sorting the animals into the different groups. The children have worked really hard with their phonics screening this week and we are really proud of how far they have come this year. Birch class have been practicing their assembly ready for next week.

Year 2 This week in Year 2 we have been learning about Anthony Browne. He is an author and illustrator. Through his work, we have been looking at his interesting illustrations and why he has decided to draw what he has drawn. We had amazing discussions, which even kept the teachers on their toes! In maths, we continued to learn addition and subtraction using 2 digit numbers. We used dienes and part-part whole models to help us answer our questions. In DT, we have started to look at puppets, this week the children have thought about what type they would like to make, what animal and the material they will need to make it. Next week, we are planning how to investigate our geography question and we are all looking forward to sports day!

Year 3 We have had another fantastic week in Year 3. The students have worked hard developing their mastery skills in math's, recapping how to use written methods when adding and subtracting. During English, we have begun writing our own stories of Pompeii, stretching our imaginations and offering the chance to get extra creative. The students have focused on how to intertwine fronted adverbials, inverted commas and ambitious vocabulary in their work - and they have done this incredibly well! Additionally, we have started a new and energetic street dance routine, which the students cannot wait to continue... and the teachers can't wait to watch. In addition, as if that wasn't exciting enough... we had our school trip on Thursday to St Albans, to deepen our knowledge of Romans! Keep up the good work Year 3.

Year 4 This week we welcomed lots of very excited children back to school after the half term break. It was lovely to hear all about what they got up to and where they went. In Larch class we had the pleasure of Miss Jones and Mrs Gray-Thomas teaching the children whilst Miss Davies is off on maternity leave. The children responded very well and showed both teachers how well they can adapt and cope with change. Science was very hands on this week, the children thoroughly enjoyed setting up the experiment to test the viscosity of different liquids in class and record the results. Maths was a bit of a challenge this week as we dived into Division with remainders, but, in true Wheatfields style, they rose to the challenge and used the resources, previous knowledge and help provided to solve the questions. The focus in English has been Poetry and the children have wowed us with their performances of poetry with some fantastic well thought through actions to entice and excite the audience.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 began with us reviewing some assessments that we completed before half term, celebrating our progress and looking at what we need to work on next to take us even further. We also kicked off our new topic looking at the Ancient Mayan civilisation with a lesson asking 'why might the Mayans be important to study in primary school?' Everyone was disappointed that sports day was postponed but it did give us a chance to remember and reflect on the year that we have had so that we could write our statements for the end of year reports. It turns out that we have done quite a lot! In addition, we used Year 5's considerable artistic talents to draw self-portraits for the front cover of the reports. A very productive week!

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been busy with lots of writing. It has been a wonderful to read their wonderful ideas in; character description, setting description and a spooky story. We are very proud of Year 6s' resilient approach towards their learning. In addition, we have started discussing and planning Year 6 production, where children will showcase their talents and presents lots of songs and dances. This production will be a great event to watch and we are feeling very excited about it.

Music The Word of the Week is Genre; a style or category of music. We have thought about what our favourite genres are and how pieces in the same genre share similar features. Year 6, have continued to learn the Samba Reggae sequence and are getting better at playing lots of different parts at the same time! Year 5 have been playing the Kuku African drum pattern in a structure of multiple sections. Year 4 have listened and appraised Bydlo from Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition' and were excited to see a recording of Mr Whitwham playing it on his Euphonium! In Year 3, we learnt a Roman song and started a new topic about using our imaginations in music.