

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have started our topic of 'Superheroes'. In Literacy we listened to the story of 'Eliot the Midnight Superhero' and acted out the different parts of the story using actions, poses and freeze frames. In Maths we have been mastering pattern making and our counting skills using the Numicon plates. In Art we have been making superhero 'Walkie Talkies' and also designing our own superhero masks. All the children thoroughly enjoyed our PE lesson this week focused on balance and movement.

Year 1 We discovered a book! A book about Autumn found in our Sensory Garden. The children have decided that this book has to be a non-fiction book because of its features. Maybe your child could tell you what the features were that they found? In Maths the whole phase have been consolidating their understanding of adding/subtracting 1, 2 and 3 to any number between 1-20 as well as finding number bonds to 7. In Phonics we have been learning how the "ow" digraph can actually be pronounced as the "oa" digraph. The children will also be meeting some very special goats towards the end of the week... In Science the children have continued to develop their understanding of the seasons have begun an investigation into whether November or December is the wettest month! Roll on next week!

Year 2 This week the children have been in full swing when it comes to their Christmas production. Both class 5 and 6 have been choreographing and rehearsing their class dances. The children are thoroughly enjoying creating their own performances and they cannot wait to share them with you. In Maths this week the children have been exploring division through sharing, grouping and using their mental Maths to count on in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. It is important they that practice these counting patterns at home to support their fast recall by the end of the year. In Literacy the children have been exploring past and present tense. They will be using their learning to apply the past tense to their newspaper report towards the end of the half term. Alongside all of this learning the children have also been exploring this week within Science. They have been testing out the paper drawbridges that they created using weights, reasoning in pairs what they could do next time to strengthen their builds.

Year 3 Our focus this week has been Anti-Bullying. We have focused on people being the same and different. We have considered ways that we are the same as our friends and ways that we are different. We have decided that differences are exciting and should be celebrated. The children have also talked about what bullying is and what bullying isn't. We have reminded the children about how they should treat each other and how they like to be treated.

Year 4 This week, Year 4 have been practicing their skills at writing a detailed paragraph about Father Christmas. We have been picking out specific elements in the story to use as evidence to support a point. We have introduced our new Geography topic and have been exploring the continents and countries of Europe. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of the column method for addition and have begun to look at subtraction. The theme of this year's anti-bullying week was 'All Different, All Equal' and so we have created a class jigsaw to show that our differences unite us. By the end of the week, we will have begun our Christmas display art!

Year 5 Year 5 went back in time to the 1940s this week at the start of World War 2. Everybody dressed up in 1940s clothing and we had a fun filled day! We all performed a 1940s themed dance and learnt some new moves. We played card games and marbles; we even made our own pouches to hold the marbles! Year 5 had a scary moment when the air raid siren went off; we hid under tables and waited for the all clear siren. We are now looking forward to our class assemblies and we can't wait to share our knowledge with you!

Year 6 In Year 6, we have been learning about the formula for finding area, perimeter and volume. We have continued to study A Christmas Carol and in particular, worked on empathising with the characters. The children have rewritten a rather scary section of the story and have been learning how to build tension. We have also been painting in the style of Andy Warhol and as it is anti bullying week, the year group have completed activities to reinforce the theme which is 'All Different, All Equal'

Music We are well under way with learning our songs for the Christmas Productions and have even started learning some dance moves! Y3 watched their recordings of the 'Aquarium' music they composed last week and evaluated them by deciding what went well and what they could do to improve them. Singing Starz have taken home the first sheet of words this week. Please help them to discover any gaps in their learning and visit www.youngvoices.co.uk, 'For Children' and 'Enter the YV Music Room using the code YVConcerts2018. Please learn the dances including the 90's medley which has a section for parents!! There is also a parents' area on the site with information about the day. Children who aren't in Singing Starz may also like to access the resources, especially the Pop Medley!