

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have zoomed to the moon! We read the story 'Whatever Next' and have used props to retell the story. We have practiced our numbers through space count downs and built rockets using construction materials. We also had our very first session in the Forest and it was FABULOUS! The children listened carefully to the rules and boundaries and then went off to explore! We had bug hunting, tree climbing and excellent imaginative play about tricky trolls to name but a few.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have delved into reading our focus literacy book, 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. This has inspired writing to describe the main character 'Plop' and wow sentences about the 'dark'. In maths we have been locating 2 digit numbers on a 100 square and looking to understand their place value. We were also visited by a friendly bear who helped us revise the /ou/ phoneme and all its alternative spellings. In art we have thoroughly enjoyed developing our sketching techniques and sketched different owls, trees and flowers.

Year 2 In Year 2, in Maths, we have been learning about multiplication. The children have been grouping objects equally and describing them saying 'There are ____ equal groups and ____ in each group'. Some children have then created addition sentences to find the total and other children are able to create multiplication sentences to match eg $2+2+2=6$ or $3 \times 2=6$. Children should have their Mathletics log in information now – please let your child have a go at multiplication games and skills. In English, we have been writing space stories. The children have created a plan with new ideas, based on our story of 'Goodnight Spaceman' – next week, we will edit and improve our stories. We are thrilled with the children's reading progress. Please continue to spend time reading with them and ask them some questions to help develop their comprehension skills. Suggested 'Book Talk' questions are in your child's reading record each Friday.

Year 3 What great time we've been having in Art Week! The focus has been drawing and we've been learning how to create different textures and patterns using a variety of pencils. It's been good to experiment with coloured pencils by mixing the colours and shades. Having practiced a lot, we've applied our skills in drawing portraits in our sketch books and shown them off in assembly. In maths we're learning to add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers using partitioning, applying our understanding of place value. Literature has included a closer look at the story of Johnny Gloke with particular focus on character descriptions, using exciting vocabulary. Thank you to everyone for completing the HUGE spelling check at home. Good luck with learning all the pesky ones that you haven't quite got YET! We will be checking them all again, in school, later this term.

Year 4 Year 4 have enjoyed looking at the Viking story of Loki and the Dwarf. We acted the story out to help us remember it and then retold the story trying to include fronted adverbials and exciting adjectives. We have also been brushing up our dictionary skills by looking up the meaning of unfamiliar words from our class text. In maths we have had a week looking at division we have been using number lines and seeing how we can use our multiplication knowledge to help us, some of us even moved on to chunking. We have enjoyed Art Week and have been exploring how to use sketching pencils and the different drawing techniques, we have had a go and drawing trees and faces. We loved having time to really focus and concentrate and getting to add detail to our work.

Year 5 Walk into Year 5 and you will be greeted with conversations about the rainforest, different types of vocabulary, children making connections with the text, children making predictions about the text and that was just on Monday! We have finished reading our book The Great Kapok Tree and we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the rainforest. Year 5 have continued deepening their knowledge and understanding of factors in maths and have CARVED their answers. We have also enjoyed this week because it was Art Week! We have explored using different techniques and textures to draw rainforest animals and the rainforest and WOW! The children have produced amazing work!

Year 6 A highlight this week was the visit from the Genr8 team on Wednesday. They spent an afternoon with us in Year 6, the focus being on our transition to Secondary school. We had fun engaging in activities, which included role play of different situations we might find our selves in and how we might respond. In Mathematics we concluded our current learning about fractions and moved on to percentages, only to find that fractions and decimals reared their heads! We are trying hard to make connections in our Mathematics! Many engaging conversations were had this week as we delved deeper into our Literacy text, The Watertower. Similes, metaphors, alliteration, and onomatopoeia are just some of the themes we discussed as we looked at how the author created atmosphere. This book has so much to offer the reader and we discover more each time we read it again! Our planet fact files are complete and on display in our classroom and we learned about how eclipses are formed as we continued to learn about Earth and Space. Additionally, with the various small group booster sessions taking place throughout the week it most certainly has been a productive week of learning in Year 6!

Music Clubs have started this week! Wednesday Boys are on fine form and it is lovely to welcome new voices to Singing Starz. Many children have told me they have had new instruments for Christmas such as the keyboard or recorder, which is fantastic news! There are 'Worlds' for these instruments that the children can access on the Charanga music website including lessons we cover in school.