

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week we have been continuing to think about people in our community who help us. We have been lucky enough to have a visit from a guide dog in training on Monday and then Mr Marland who is a paramedic came to see us on Wednesday to tell us all about his job. We also had an opportunity to use some equipment such as bandages, blood pressure monitors and stethoscopes. On Friday we had a real life fire engine visit us at school....it has been a week filled with learning opportunities and such excitement! We have been using our maths skills practically this week to solve simple calculations and have focused on number blocks 11, 12 and 13. It is also Chinese New Year on Saturday and we have spent the week thinking about traditions linked to this holiday and talking about how special it is that we are all different and unique.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 the children have been adapting the story The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by changing the characters to animals that fit into the setting. They have also looked at the features of a story such as setting, characters and plot. In Maths the children have been adding by using the terms first, then and now to support with their adding skills. They have also been problem solving this week by finding the number bonds to 10 and 20. The children finished their Science project this week and tested their umbrella's to see if they would keep them dry or not. The children have also evaluated why their umbrella worked or did not work. The children are recapping the trigraph sounds in phonics this week like ure, air, are, igh and ear. The children are also improving in their hockey skills with Mr Puckey. We are enjoying seeing the children's home learning that has already come and we cannot wait to see the rest. Next week the children will be writing their new story and subtracting in maths and looking at colours in art, Grace Darling in History and continuing on their coding in computing.

Year 2 This week in Maths, we have been using our knowledge of the 2x, 5x and 10x table in problem solving activities. It is great to see some of the children start to learn their multiplication facts off by heart and some now understand that multiplication is commutative (eg 5x2 is the same as 2x5). Please continue to help your child learn these important number facts and visit Mathletics regularly. Next week in Maths, we will be learning about money. It would be great if you could help your child to identify the different coins and notes that we have in the UK and start to use them to make a total. Remind your child to think about the addition and multiplication facts that they know eg 15p is 10p and 5p and 40p can be made using 10px4. We will be setting Mathletics home learning tasks each week. Please visit the site regularly and help your child make progress. Next week in English we will be looking at the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We will be thinking about the setting, the two main characters and we will be doing a story map to identify the key features of an adventure story. This will then help us as we start to plan our own adventure story! In our topic, we have been learning about the explorer and scientists who visit Antarctica. What sort of things do they need to take to survive in The Antarctic. Next week, we will be comparing the Arctic and Antarctic and we will be learning about how the different animals are suited to living there. On Friday 31st January, 9-10am we have a Maths Curiosity café – please do come along. Home Learning projects should also be completed by this date too.

Year 3 In year 3 this week we have been continuing with our topic on myths and legends. We are still learning about Johnny Gloke but have also read, listened to and discussed a range of other stories. We have been thinking about the two giants in the Johnny Gloke and describing them. Next week we will be using inverted commas to write a conversation between them.

In Maths we are continuing with our multiplication and division focus. We have been learning about the four times table and next week we will moving on to focus on the 8 times table. As always, any extra practice at home will be an enormous help. Don't forget to encourage your child to practice on TT Rockstars. In our science lessons we have been learning about light. This week we have investigated which materials are the best at reflecting light. We have some very enthusiastic scientists in the year group! Next week we will looking at how light travels through objects and how shadows are formed.

Year 4 On our third week of the new term we have continued to prepare to write our epic Viking story by writing at setting description set on board a Viking long ship and a warrior character description. We are enjoying reading Viking Boy to find out the fate of Gunnar and have looked at how he author portrays different characters. Whilst in Maths we are busy practicing the written method for multiplication. We have started our new science topic about forces and magnets and in history have been researching Viking long ships ready to write a fact file style report. Next week we will be painting Viking shields from the designs we have made. We are learning more of the Viking dance with Miss Charlotte and have added different formations to our routine. Next Monday we are looking forward to showing you our Maths learning in a Maths café so please come along from 9-9:45am.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 has been a bouncy, bounding and slobbery one. Oh! And we had a visit from a guide dog! The children were very interested to know how important and valuable guide dogs are for the community and were happy to say a little hello to Herbie to help him with his training. Following on from last week's curiosity cafe, we are continuing to deepen our understanding of number by looking at common factors and prime factors - something the children can tell you about at home! In English we have been drawing our storyboards for the Great Kapok tree. This piece of work is vital to help the children understand the story in good detail, which will help them with their writing soon. Mr Saunderson has been teaching the children how to draw perspective and the children are showing true resilience towards a tricky subject! Next week, we are looking forward to learning about the features our story in English and in Maths we will start to deepen our understanding of multiples (among many other exciting topics!!!).

Year 6 This week Year Six have been marvelling at the wonders of the Earth and its motion in space. As well as this, they have drawn their own versions of the Earth Sun and Moon, looking at the relative sizes of each and the times of orbits and rotations. With their heads still spinning, they have also been practising their four operations in maths focusing on fractions of amounts also. Some of the descriptions of the Watertower (from the book of the same name) have been, quite frankly, incredible. Finally (and of course massively important), class 13 shared their experiences so far in a terrific class assembly on Wednesday morning. Well done to everyone!

Music This week Y6 composed their own responses to Venus, The Bringer of Peace from The Planet Suite by Gustav Holst. They chose a suitable selection of pitched and unpitched instruments. They were composing within an ABA (ternary) structure and their compositions included a 4 note motif, different textures including solos and a rocking ostinato. I think Holst would have been impressed! In Y3 we analysed Small People by Ziggy Marley and added some more features to our reggae style indicators list. The Singing Starz sang at the O2 on Thursday night culminating many weeks of rehearsing in school and at home. We had a fantastic time and even got to sing with Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet!!