

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception What an incredible first term we have had! We are so proud of all of EYFS for settling in to school, taking changes in their stride and being absolutely fabulous learners this term! We have learnt lots of new sounds, new skills and made new friendships. We have performed our first Christmas songs and learnt new stories and songs. It has been a very busy, very fulfilling first term at school! We hope you have a wonderful, restful and safe Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Year 1 Year 1 have had an amazing Autumn Term, we are so impressed with all their hard work, resilience and engagement in all of their learning. This week in English we have independently written letters to Father Christmas and in Maths we have been looking at finding one more and one less. In RE we have retold the Christmas story and in PSHE we have talked about what makes us special. We have enjoyed making Christmas cards and watching the online pantomime. Have a lovely Christmas break and we looking forward to seeing you next Year!

Year 2 Year 2 have had a fantastical, magical and, at times, a smelly end to the year (ask us about the castle moats!). The children have worked so incredibly hard over the last few months. We are so proud of their attitudes towards the learning and trying their best in every lesson. They have adapted to everything that has come their way and we know their hard work will continue in the New Year. We wish you all a restful, joyful and happy holiday and a Two-tastic New Year! Best wishes – The Year 2 team J

Year 3 What a busy week it has been this week in year 3. We have been learning about Christingles and their importance to Christians. We have learned about the symbolism of each part of a Christingle. The orange represents the world and the candle represents Jesus being the light of the world. We have also learnt about the meaning of the red ribbon, the sticks and the fruit. If you have the chance, please ask any of the year 3 children what they mean. As well as this, we have been doing some great Christmas maths. We have cracked the codes to reveal the answers to jokes. We hope that you are all enjoying the videos that we have sent out of the year 3 children singing and dancing. Thank you for all of your hard work and support this term in year 3. We are looking forward to another exciting term next term.

Year 4 Year 4 have had a busy last week of term! We finished a fantastic Autumn term with some RE about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. The children enjoyed finding out about traditions around the world and presenting their information. The classes showed great resilience completing some Christmas themed maths challenges. They have created some wonderful Christmas cards and decorations – we even managed to avoid glitter going everywhere! We are so proud of the children's efforts and hard work this term. We hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest over the half term break.

Year 5 I can't believe how quickly this term has gone and all year 5s have settled so well with all the many changes. Well done Year 5, you are amazing! This week we have been busy making Christmas cards and baubles, which involves a lot of designing and creating skills. We have also been finishing our RE unit 'Judaism' and our English writing 'non-chronological reports about Egyptian gods'. The virtual Pantomime was so much fun and the children loved the class disco. And now we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2022!

Year 6 **This week, in English**, we wrote a persuasive letter in role as Jim from 'Street Child' and we will wrote a character description of Scrooge. We reviewed our spellings learnt this term. Please remind your child to go onto Readwriter regularly to help them consolidate the learning in school. **This week in Maths** we found and plotted coordinates in all four quadrants, plus we translated (moved) 2D shapes as well as reflected them. **In our Topic**, we completed our D&T projects creating a Victorian puppet theatre. We hope your children enjoy playing with them at home. **After the holidays**, we will begin our new topic 'The Earth in Space'. We will explore the theme of 'day and night' and the children will all be able to explain and demonstrate how night and day are created. Please ensure you regularly visit Mathletics and TTRS over the holidays, especially as the learning will become even more intense next term, with the view of getting SATS ready.

Music Year 6 used many of their musical skills this week to create arrangements of Jingle Bells. We had the melody line on the recorder, glockenspiel and voice and the beat and a rhythmic ostinato on untuned percussion. With just a short amount of time all groups did really well! In Year 3 we followed rhythms, performed body percussion and played instruments along to Christmas songs. We also sang a Christmas song called 'Where's Rudolph?'. In Year 5 we did a mixture of the activities from Y3 and 5. All year groups had the treat of a live stream pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk which included some songs we had been practising the last few weeks. As this was on Thursday afternoon, it was the Y4 music lesson!