

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception What a fantastic half term it has been. The children have explored many different people who help our community including, fire fighters, police, paramedics and vets. They have created amazing home learning 3D projects with you at home, wrote facts and labels as well as exploring lots of storytelling in their play. The children have also been trying to practise their tricky troll words and numbers to 15 across the environment as well as using their sounds to begin blending words and captions. We are so proud of the children's progress this half term and look forward to exploring our new topic of Space after the break. Have a lovely holiday, the EYFS team.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 the children have finished off writing their instructions to make Mr Grinling the perfect sandwich. They enjoyed creating the instructions making sure that they are specific and they are not missing out any important steps. In maths this week the children have been learning number facts using addition and subtraction. They can find the answers to questions when a number is missing and then they can write the 4 calculations that go with it. They have also been learning how to use a bar model to add and subtract. In History the children have been consolidating their learning about Grace Darling. They have written her a letter to ask her questions and have created a fact file about her. The children have been finishing off their hockey lessons by putting all of the skills they have learned into a game situation. When we come back after half term the Topic will be 'Growing'. The children will be looking at how plants grow, a new book in English, learning about their school environment in geography and the place value to 50. We have also found a really good phonics game website that the children could play over the half term www.phonicsbloom.com Hope you have a lovely half term!

Year 2 This week we have been authors and have written our own version of Lost and Found. Some of us chose different animals that knocked on the boy's door, such as lions and monkeys. We have also written a report about the animal we have been researching in computing. We are experts now on the Frozen Planet! In Maths this week, we have completed our unit of learning on money. We have been calculating change and solving word problems using money. Most children understand how to make totals with different coins and it has been great to see the children making links between the times table facts that they know to help them count 2ps, 5ps and 10ps. After the half term break, we will be using our multiplication facts again to help us share and divide. Our 'polar' topic has really engaged the children – after the holidays, we're off to visit space. The children have a word mat in their book bags, filled with useful words that they will be hearing and learning about in the new topic. If your child wants to find out some amazing facts about space in the half term holidays, it will really help them as we begin our new learning. There are Mathematics activities set for children to try during the half term break and it would be great if the children could continue to enjoy reading.

Year 3 Year 3 have had a very busy week this week. We have written our own legends based on the story of Johnny Gloke. Our heroes have been very brave and they have overcome some enormous challenges and some scary beasts! We have started to learn about written methods to help us with multiplying bigger numbers. It is a real help if the children can continue to improve their recall of times tables now that we are multiplying larger numbers. Please encourage your child to use TT Rockstars and Mathematics over half term. In our topic this week we have been learning about prayer in Islam. It was very exciting on Tuesday because we had a visit from Mrs Kusar who talked to us about the importance of prayer and about life as a Muslim. The children learnt a lot – please ask them all about it. After half term, we will be continuing with written methods in maths and myths and legends in literacy. We are very excited about listening to the children's speeches after half term too.

Year 4 What a lovely week Year 4 have had! The classes have been working hard on finishing their Viking stories and are proud of their epic adventures! We have been working on dividing 3 digit numbers in maths, including calculations that involve remainders. It has been great to see the children challenging themselves with complex problems and showing determination to succeed! Year 4 have made some lovely Viking shields which are going to look amazing on display. We have also finished and performed our Viking dances in PE. They were brilliant! We hope you have a restful half term!

Year 5 Roll up, roll up! Please form a neat and orderly queue, get your autographs books ready as the children are ready to publish their books! This week the children have been working their socks off to write their version of events in the Great Kapok Tree. Their vocabulary is fantastic and full of all of the wonderful writing devices the children have learnt over the years. Well done Year 5! This week we have looked at negative numbers in context and explored what ground floor and sea level means in terms of negative numbers. This week we have finished our hockey unit, progressed with our perspective drawings, exploring the story of Hinduism and shared our wonderful home learning projects. Well done to all of the children for their hard work this half term, we are half way there! Work hard with you public speeches, we look forward to seeing them when you get back. From the Year 5 team, we wish you all a restful half term!

Year 6 Although this week has been a 'testing' week for Year Six, they have applied themselves admirably! It's fair to say that it isn't easy for some of our pupils, yet they continue to strive for their best, which is obviously all that we, as teachers, ask for. On top of all the assessments however, we have been philosophising about the idea of Heaven and what each person's idea of Heaven is. Other religions have been focused upon and the pupils have enjoyed drawing their own visions of Heaven along with some wonderful descriptions of them. Finally, the pupils have been looking at the different phases of the Moon and how shadows are formed and changed.

Music The word of the week is 'Time Signature'. Numbers written on the stave to show how many, and what type of beats there are in each bar. Year 3 showed how expert they have become about Reggae music and improved their own compositions this week. In Year 4 we have learnt about the Mazurka by Chopin and thought about the style features we have noticed this term. In Year 5 we have created a sequence using the rhythms of Kuku and have improved our singing in harmony. In Year 6 we listened to Atmospheres by Ligeti and explored sounds on the keyboards to create our own space atmospheres.