

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have started a new story 'the tiny seed'. We read the book and talked about the different seasons and how they change. In Ash class, we have also been busy practising for our amazing class assembly next week (23rd!) and we cannot wait to show you! Beech Class will be doing theirs in the Summer Term. We have been focusing on taking away in maths and using the language of more than and less than. Some of us are finding this quite a tricky concept so it would be great to practise this vocabulary at home too! In Think Equal we have read a story called 'Ted the tiger tamer'. It is about a boy who learns to tame the angry feelings inside by taking deep breaths and learning to control when feeling cross. We have been practising taking a deep breath for 5 seconds for when our own tigers try and come out!

Year 1 Year 1 have been full of beans this week. In English, we have started work on our new book 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle, we sequenced the story and used our drama skills to act out the journey of the seed. In maths we have been using 'First, Then, Now' for subtraction and have moved on to subtracting on a number line. In Science, we have been watching our beans grow and found out about the different parts of a plant. In Art, we have continued to be inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and used water coloured paint to paint some beautiful daffodils. In Geography, we have continued looking at the United Kingdom and found out about England. In RE we are looking at how people celebrate Easter.

Year 2 This week in Year 2, we have started our poetry topic. We are reading a text called Goodnight Space that we will be performing to each other next week. We have also created silly rhymes to replace the ones in the story! In maths, we are using our knowledge of times tables to help us tell the time – we are especially looking at using our 5 times tables to help us with this! In History, we looked at what the men actually did on the moon: did you know they said it was like walking on a bouncy castle? In music, we continued to practice the chords for a song: C, F, G. Next week we are looking forward to learning about poems whilst we start to plan what we will write for last week of term.

Year 3 What an exciting week in year 3 this week. We have made resources to help us to learn our 3 and 6 times tables. The children have loved using them to practise. It has been brilliant to listen to the rest of the year 3 speeches this week. The final three have now been selected for the final on Monday. They are Kaelen H, Alexis P, Freya F. We are really proud of how hard they have worked and how their confidence has grown when speaking in front of an audience. Well done to all of those children who took part. We enjoyed listening to every speech. We also talked about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The children created invitations to a street party. It was fun to talk about it and look forward to the upcoming Platinum celebrations later this year.

Year 4 This week was all about bread! We kick started the week by tasting a variety of delicious bread: pitta, baguette, cinnamon and raisin bagels, to name but a few. Some children were apprehensive about trying new things; however, we were very proud of them as they took the opportunity to be adventurous and try combinations they would not normally. Following the tasting, the children were given time to design their own bread, some chose chocolate, some cheese, garlic, and some were very brave and opted for chilli! In RE, we explored Hinduism in more depth and the children were set the challenge of creating a poster about a Hindu god or goddess, either on the Chromebooks or on large paper. The children were asked to consider key facts about their chosen god or goddess and think carefully about how to present the information in a clear and exciting way.

Year 5 Another amazing week in Year 5!! In English, we have finished writing our explanation writing about the 'Battle of Britain' using explanatory language, topical and technical vocabulary and lots of facts. This week, in Maths we have started our unit on 'fractions' particularly multiplying fractions with a whole number. To really embed this learning, we have been using area model, number line and bar model representations. Children have used unifix cubes to convert improper fractions to mixed number, this will support children's deep conceptual understanding. In our foundation subjects, we have been 'coding', learning about 'karma' and creating moves for our 'dance'. Really well done to all the children with their public speaking and now we are looking forward to the final competition.

Year 6 **This week, in English**, we have been using a part of Cosmic to extend our writing skills; we have used a range of punctuation and rich vocabulary to write parts of a narrative. **This week in Maths** we have been multiplying and dividing decimals, using what we know about decimal places. Home learning this week is to complete the end of unit pages in your practice books please (page 44) and to recap on unit 7. Please remember to go onto Athletics and TT Rockstars regularly to help you consolidate this learning. **In our Topic**, we learnt about earthquakes and in **science**, we were able to describe and investigate helpful and harmful microorganisms. **Next week, in English**, we will be continuing to focus our writing around the text 'Cosmic' and we all create and edit our own extended pieces of independent writing. Please remember to log into Readwriter to learn Year 6 focus words and spelling patterns. **In Maths**, we will be learning about percentages in real life contexts. The children will benefit from knowing their times tables fluently to get the most out of this learning. In our **Topic**, the children will be starting a 2-week project, which will give them a showcase to demonstrate all the wonderful things that they have learnt about the Earth and Space during the term.

Music The Word of the Week is 'Instrumental Families'. There are 4 main families; String, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion. In Y3 this week, we made rhythms out of word patterns from items we might find in our recycle bin. We experimented with different timbres and textures and added actions. In Y4, we watched a musician improvise on the recorder. We practised playing our pieces on the recorder and started to learn a new one. We are getting really good at reading standard notation! In Y5 we listened and appraised 'We Will Rock You' by Queen and noticed the features which make it Rock Music. We practised playing the riff for 'Livin' on a Prayer' and had a go at improvising our own. In Y6, we composed a motif for our planet composition. We created a rhythm based on a word pattern and then added pitch.