

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception Well what a fantastic first week! The children have all settled in well and greeted the staff with sparkly smiles each day. We have been learning one another's names, exploring our new environments as well as beginning to make new friends. They have embarked on constructing astounding structures and tracks, saving burning buildings, taking part in races as well as painting beautiful masterpieces. Hopefully this week you will have all also received your Tapestry links via email however, if you have questions on how to set up or access your child's account please do contact your child's class teacher for support. In class the team have already begun adding observations of the children for you share in their learning journey at Wheatfields. It would be great for us to also see and celebrate the learning your child engages in at home, so please do add your own videos and photos that we can celebrate with the children in school. See you all on Monday for another fun week full of smiles

Year 1 In Year 1 this week we have been deep sea diving into our new Topic 'Under the sea'. The children have been exploring their new book 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae. In Maths the children have been sorting objects and representing numbers to 10. Staff have really enjoyed listening to the children read and look forward to seeing them read at home! We are excited to be learning tennis as our sport for this half term in PE. The children have also created fish collages and bubble painted some animals that they would find under the sea. Just to remind you that we have a curriculum meeting on Monday 16th September at 2pm.

Year 2 In Year 2, we have started learning about the Great Fire of London as part of our 'Emergency' topic. We now know that many houses and buildings in 1666 were made of wood and some had thatched roofs, so they caught fire easily. We have compared this with the materials that our houses are made from in 2019. We are looking forward to finding out more about Samuel Pepys, who wrote a diary about the fire. In English, we have started sharing the story 'Tiger Child' and we look forward to finding out more about this text. In Maths, we have been grouping up to 10 objects and explaining what we can see in a number sentence.

Year 3 We have had a great start in Year 3 and have been very impressed with the way children have settled in and have adjusted to their new routines. We dived straight into our first topic in R.E., where the children have been learning the Christian and Hindu beliefs as well as the scientific theory of how the world began. The children then wrote and illustrated their own representations. We will be discussing arrangements and routines for year 3 at the meeting for parents and carers that is coming up shortly but ahead of this we would like to inform you that P.E lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. These lessons will take place outside, (weather permitting) and the children will need their P.E kit and a change of footwear.

Year 4 The children have made a great start to Year 4 and have been developing their resilience whilst doing their baseline assessments. We have started reading our class text-The Lost Happy Endings and helped the main character Jub find the missing story endings. In science we practiced our working scientifically skills and have been focusing on our team work and communication in our games lessons.

Year 5 What a whirlwind of a week! We have shared lots of information in such a short space of time, but the children have soaked it all up like a sponge! Year 5 have read their book for this term called 'Rose Blanche' a beautiful book detailing the events of a young German girl in the middle of world war 2. In Maths we have started with a good pace to introduce the children to our mastery approach to Maths. Place value is the name! Learning the mastery way is our game! Furthermore... we have been looking at the World War 2 timeline and when the events of the war took place. We even found time to meet our new PE coach and partake in teamwork and communications activities! Phew! Well done everyone for a great start to the New Year!

Year 6 What a brilliant start to the year it has been in year six! The children have shown an excellent attitude in all their work, particularly as they have been doing practice SATS tests. However, they have also had the opportunity to look at creating some fabulous digital artwork and to investigate what the Industrial Revolution was and how it affected society. In English, The Lost Thing appears to be a major hit as the text we are studying. Overall, a promising and very hard-working opening to the year.

Music We have enjoyed starting our new topics this week! Y3 have had their first recorder lesson and also learnt how Camille Saint-Saens described the tortoise using music. In Y4 we have started to learn the keyboard and are already playing tunes. In Y5 we are learning about music during the 2nd World War and we learnt how to sing 'White Cliffs of Dover' and 'We'll Meet Again' by Dame Vera Lynn. We also brushed up our recorder skills and have much better breath control now that we are in Y5. In Y6 we are learning the structure of 12 Bar Blues. We learnt the chords of C and F on the ukulele and sang and played along to Hound Dog! Many children have already signed up to have instrumental lessons with our visiting musicians. We have Mrs Brien teaching the violin, Paul Richards teaching the drumkit, Mr Milgate teaches clarinet and saxophone, John McCully teaches guitar and ukulele and Mrs Magill teaches recorder, flute and piano. If your child would like to learn an instrument please see details on the clubs letter.

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