

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Year 1 Year 1 have had a super start back to school! They are settling in really well and have been enthusiastically joining in with lots of busy learning. They have enjoyed exploring big construction activities, under the sea creatures, pattern making, threading and making monsters with the connects. Teachers and LSAs have been getting to know the children with 1:1 Reading, Writing, Phonics and Maths Assessments. Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays and Reading books will now be coming home every day. Please don't forget to bring in your reading records, reading book and orange communication book every day! Next week we will be introducing Phase 3 phonics and continuing to explore Geography and numbers to 10 in Maths.

Year 2 This week in Year 2, we have returned to one of our favourite stories from Year 1 – Bog Baby. We have written the story and enjoyed sharing it again. In our Science, we have been learning about our senses, and using them to explore what is around us. We have been talking about the things in our lives that we are grateful for. On Friday, we had a super Art day and focussed on nature and snails. Next week, we are continuing to learn about our place in the world. We will think about our school and classroom and focus on our emotions and feelings. Our focus text will be 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. In Maths, we will be thinking about numbers to 100 and revisiting tens and ones. We start PE this week so children should please wear PE kit for school on a Thursday and a Friday.

Year 3 Right from the first minute, the children have returned to school as if they haven't been away. We couldn't be more proud of them; they have settled into the new routines fantastically. It has been lovely to see them enjoying themselves with their friends and throwing themselves into their learning, coping really well with a range of learning and with the new Key Stage 2 expectations. Our learning this week has focused around settling into school and feeling happy in their new classes. Luckily, the weather has been lovely so most days we have had extra time outside to give the children time to play and catch up with friends. Finally, this week we have introduced the children to Michael Rosen and have thoroughly enjoyed watching him perform some of his poems. It's been great to hear the children giggling away. This weekend I hope the children get to have lots of rest after their busy first week back and ready for next week. We might not be able to see you at the classroom door at the moment, but please do contact us via the school office if you need to get in touch.

Year 4 The Year 4 children have made a really positive start to the new school year and have quickly adapted to with new routines and ways of working. We have enjoyed hearing about all that they have been doing since we were last at school and sharing their holiday news. The first few days have focused on settling in to a new year group and spending time getting to know each other. We have played circle games and completed activities to find out more about Year 4 and how they like to spend their free time. We are currently waiting for the school library to be up and running so have been unable to send books home yet! Until we can do that, please could the children read books from home - thank you!

Year 5 What an amazing first week we have had in Year 5! We are so impressed with the level of maturity that the children have shown us and that is exactly what Year 5 is all about. Despite there being so many changes to the school day, the children have taken ownership and applied themselves. We have been focusing on expectations and routines in Year 5 along with few assessments to help us understand how to support our them with their learning. Our History topic for Autumn term is 'World War 2' and we have already created a World War 2 timeline: 'Who started World War 2?' A very interesting topic to discuss indeed! In Art, we have been drawing famous portraits from the past, like the Mona Lisa, which has been fun. From next week, we will be enjoying PE lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays – please remember your child needs to come to school in their kit on these days! We can't wait to start delving deep into teaching our amazing Year 5. See you all on Monday, have a lovely weekend.

Year 6 What a brilliant start to the year it has been in Year 6! 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 show off their amazing sketching abilities using different pencil techniques, as well as finding out more about the religion of Buddhism and (hopefully) releasing some more of their inner calm in these uncertain times. All of the Year 6 staff have been impressed with how mature and responsible they have been and their positive thinking (another theme we have been focusing on in PSHE). Keep it up!

Music It has been lovely welcoming back children in their new year groups this week and meeting the new Y3 children. As there are restrictions on singing together at the moment, we will be focusing mainly on musical appreciation and rhythm skills this term. All children have access to our music scheme, Charanga (simply google 'Charanga' and it appears at the top of the searches). If you have forgotten your login, email me at music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk to receive a reminder. The Young Voices 25th Anniversary Concert has been postponed but some songs have been added to the website. If you would like to try these resources at home, please go to the Young Voices website. In the menu choose 'For Children' then click on the 'Music Room' tile. The access code is YV2021. We are very sad that our guitar teacher, John, will not be returning to us as he has set up a new business. He sends his best to all his pupils and we hope to be informing you about a replacement very soon.