

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been full of the joys of the run up to Christmas! We watched the snowman one wet play and then we were inspired to make our own snowmen – we made puppets and pictures using different medias like chalks, glitter and crayons. We have been reading the Jolly Christmas Postman – talking about the different letters and cards and the features of a letter. We have also now learnt all of the phase 2 sounds in Storytime phonics! Look out for the rest of the phase 2 sound cards coming home over the next week. We will focus in the New Year on blending skills and consolidating our sound knowledge. In number we have been talking about amounts and using the terminology more and fewer. This is something we will be continuing next week alongside all our other Christmas festivities!

Year 1 Year 1 have been joying our work this week. In English we have continued our work on the Jolly Christmas Postman and made a card for Humpty Dumpty and a wanted poster for the Big Bad Wolf, next week we will be doing some independent writing as we write our own letters to Father Christmas. In maths we have been exploring the number 5 and finding all the different ways to make it. In science we have finished our work looking at the 5 senses by investigating our sense of hearing and taste. In Art we have been developing our pencil skills by looking at patterns in nature. In RE we sequenced the Christmas story and in PE we have been working on our ball control.

Year 2 It has been another busy week in Year 2. In Maths we have been comparing objects and finding the difference between numbers using bar models and number lines. In English we have been boxing up the story Supertato, but we have put in our own super heroes and villains in to write our own version of the story. We have had so much fun with this! We have also been busy with our topic work as well this week. In Art we have been creating our own abstract landscape in the style of Paul Klee and in R.E we have been thinking about a key question to do with the birth story of Jesus and retelling the story.

Year 3 In year 3 this week we write and edited our non-chronological reports. When we had done this, we arranged our writing onto our page and added extra pictures and details to make them look interesting for our reader – Mr Dove. We have been finding out about the UK for the past few weeks in our topic lessons and we have created our reports so that Mr Dove can read them. We know that he enjoys traveling around the UK in his motorhome so we wanted to give him new ideas about where to go. We are looking forward to seeing his pictures when he visits the different places or tries the foods that we have recommended for him. In maths we have continued with our learning about three digit numbers. We have started adding and taking away multiples of ten from 100. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in year 3 too. This week we have been starting to create some lovely festive things!

Year 4 We can't wait to share our Christmas videos with you next week, the children looked great in their costumes and adorned with much tinsel. Year 4 has been a hive of busyness once again this week with our Instruction writing. The children were asked to plan and write a set of instructions to help Witches be seen in a more positive light. Some of the ingredients they came up with were a sprinkle of love, a dusting of happiness and a scattering of rose petals. The maths focus has been the 3 times tables and the children have undertaken a range of activities to embed this key skill. We strongly encourage the children to log on to TT Rock stars at home and play some of the exciting games to further strengthen their skills. If you need help logging on, please speak to the class teacher.

Year 5 This week has been yet another busy one in year 5 – we have realised how much we have still to get through this term and how little time we have left! With that in mind, we have chosen to focus on a few things. First of all, we have filmed our songs and dances for our Christmas videos and we really hope that you enjoy them when you get the chance to see them all. Thank you for all the support with jumpers, tinsel and black clothes we needed – we all looked fully festive! The other thing we have been doing is writing our non-chronological report about our Egyptian god and this has been going really well. We have learned all about the different skills we needed, such as using generalisers, topic sentences and subordinating conjunctions. And now we all sound super smart when we use those big words! One more week to go – we got this!!

Year 6 **This week, in English**, we read and learnt about some of the settings in A Christmas Carol. We described and compared Scrooge's house and the home of the Cratchit family. We learnt to spell words with the prefixes micro- and mini-. **This week in Maths** we have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000, as well as using this to convert units of measurement (cm to metres and metres to km etc...). **In our Topic**, we completed our D&T projects creating a Victorian puppet theatre. **Next week, in English** we will be writing a persuasive letter in role as Jim from 'Street Child' and we will write a character description of Scrooge. We will review our spellings learnt this term. Please remind your child to go onto Readwriter regularly to help them consolidate the learning in school. **In Maths** we will be finding and plotting coordinates in all four quadrants, plus translating (moving) 2D shapes as well as reflecting them.

Music The Word of the Week is 'Clef'. A clef is a symbol usually written at the start of a piece of music (although it can change during the piece!) which tells us what the pitch of the notes will be. Higher voices and instruments use the treble clef and lower instruments use the bass clef. We practised drawing the treble clef; it's quite tricky! We have also had fun singing and playing Jingle Bells this week and creating arrangements using ostinato patterns. We have also been using cards and instruments to sing The Twelve Days of Christmas – it's quite a workout!! Next week we will be watching a livestream pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. Children can access the songs using their Charanga music login. If you need your login details please email music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk