

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week the children have been showing their kindness to one another around the environment. They have been sharing resources, helping each other with finding things, giving sparkly smiles and giving one another lots of praise. Alongside all of this amazing kindness the children have been exploring the importance of exercise on their bodies. As part of this the children have been practising taking their shoes and socks off independently and then getting changed again. Next week we will all have a go at changing into our PE kits so why not play a fun game of getting changed over the weekend to support your child and let us know how they get on through their tapestry journal. We also will be exploring mixing colours in art next week as we have a go at painting our own portraits. It'll be an exciting week ahead with everyone starting full time and enjoying a delicious lunch in the hall. We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Year 1 In Year 1 this week the children have been learning how to use adjectives in their writing to describe underwater animals from Commotion in the Ocean and other underwater creatures. The children have also been looking at different words that rhyme and creating some of their own in their English lessons. In Maths the children have been counting forwards and backwards in ones up to 20. They have also began to find 1 more and 1 less than from any number up to 20. In Science this week the children have been naming common pets and listening to clues to help them identify these animals. The children have also started to look at instruments in Music to help them to compose an underwater seascape.

Year 2 In Year 2, we have been acting and creating character dialogue for Uncle Tiger and Mother Tiger, using the text 'The Tiger Child'. We have been planning and writing a traditional tale based on this story too! In Maths, we have been exploring and using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to answer questions and solve problems. In our topic, we have been creating fire safety posters with a slogan and we have been dancing in unison, making up fire dances in a group in PE.

Year 3 What a marvellous week it has been in year 3. The children are working their socks off. We have started our new text in English. We are reading Stone Age Boy. You can ask your child to tell you all about it. We are now knowledgeable about life in Stone Age times - there may be some budding archaeologists in our year group! In our maths we have been learning about place value. We have been developing our understanding of the value of each digit within the number. In our art we have been sketching and experimenting with a range of drawing pencils. We have developed our skills using tone and shade. Thank you so much to all of the parents who came along to the parents meeting on Wednesday. We will be sending the notes out to all year 3 parents.

Year 4 In Year 4 this week we have been practising rounding to 10 and 100. We have used number lines and a range of models and equipment to develop our understanding. We have also been using mathematical vocabulary to explain our reasoning. We have been looking at our class text in more detail and have thought of some brilliant alternative endings for the story. In science, we have been on a sound walk around the school and discussed how sounds are made. In our games lessons, we have explored making different shapes with our bodies and demonstrated great team work and communication skills. Next week, we will be continuing with place value and comparing numbers beyond 1,000. In science, we will be focusing on sound and vibrations. We will be preparing for writing a diary in our English work.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have been diving deeper and deeper in to the world of Rose Blanche. We have analysed and discussed what the story is telling us, as a result, we have been finding evidence to support our theories. In maths we are deepening our understanding of place value and rounding, finding different visualisation strategies to help us become more efficient mathematicians. As a unit we have been asking and answering all sorts of World War 2 related questions. It is a fascinating topic to learn about, we are interested in educating ourselves about the lives of those that lived during that time and how and why the war started. The children are very mature when it comes to learning about the topic and are very keen to educate others. Next week we are learning more about World War 2 (Ann Frank in particular), learning about character descriptions and continuing to deepen our understanding of place value up to 100,000 and rounding.

Year 6 Year six have continued to impress with their effort and concentration. This week, we have had our first philosophy lessons led by the brilliant Mr. Sanderson. Our intrepid potential Aristotles and Archimedes' have demonstrated a deep level of creative thinking to questions such as: 'Should you change your beliefs and customs to fit in with people around you?' As well as this, year six have also been positive in their work on negative numbers in maths and have been continuing with their Andy Warhol inspired digital artwork.

Music Singing Starz, Band and Wednesday Boys have started this week and we have a splendid group of musicians doing music in their spare time! In Y3 this week we have been listening to The Aviary by Saint-Seans and analysed how the music sounded like birds flying. We played a new tune on our recorders and are beginning to play with better breath control. In Y4 we have started learning about Beethoven and have been learning how to play Mardi Gras on the keyboard. In Y5 we have been learning about the chromatic scale. We played this on the glockenspiels and worked out how to play the beginning of 'We'll Meet Again'. In Y6 we learnt the structure of 12 bar blues and played the chords on the ukulele and the keyboard. We also learnt about the origin of Blues Music.