

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been exploring everything about autumn! We have been looking for signs of the changing season – making collages, leaf bags and going on a wonderful walk to collect autumnal items. In phonics, we have been segmenting and blending cvc words and practising the sounds s a t p. We have been doing some super subitising with autumn items, making our own patterns and challenging each other with what we see and how we see it. The children have been amazing in a week of a few changes and we are so proud of them all for their hard working, resilient attitudes! Next we will continue our autumn investigations and we look forward to seeing you virtually for parents evening.

Year 1 Year 1 have really enjoyed our work on capital letters this week. We have been practising how to write them and even created some capital letter art! In maths, we have been working on our numbers to 10, with some very careful counting and learning how to cross out to make sure we don't miss anything. In art, we have completed our season trees work and have thought carefully about the different colours we used to show the tree changing throughout the year. In geography we did some field work around the school using our senses to help us and in science we thought about what animals do in the winter is the hibernate, migrate or adapt.

Year 2 This week in Year 2 we have practiced partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s successfully as well as using a part-part whole model. In English, we have written a letter in role as the mischievous Rabbit who stole the fire! We wrote a letter apologising for the things we had done. In PE, we looked at controlling the ball by completing bounce passes. Next week, we are looking forward to using all of the skills we have learnt in different matches! The most exciting thing we did this week however was making our Christmas cards! We hope you like them.

Year 3 Year 3 have had an extraordinary week this week. We did not come to school on Monday – we went to work! Our classrooms became offices for the day and we came to school dressed in our work clothes ready to be publishers for the day! We made our lanyards first and got to work. Last week we wrote our own stories based on the text Stone Age Boy. On publishing day, we published our books. We chose our own layout for our text and copied the story out. We also had to do the illustrations after that. It was very hard work but the children did a brilliant job! We are planning to share our books with younger children as soon as we can. Our other exciting news is our trip to Flag Fen. We went yesterday. We had an amazing day. The children loved finding out about our topic for themselves and it definitely became more real for them once they had walked in a roundhouse! The children made clay pots and handled artefacts. Their behaviour was fantastic and they made us very proud.

Year 4 It has been a busy week in Year 4, as the classes have been learning about the features of newspapers to prepare for writing their own reports next week. The children have enjoyed acting out interviews with witnesses to help them learn about the difference between reported and direct speech as well as ordering paragraphs. It has been a week focused on place value in maths, with lessons on ordering, comparing and rounding. The classes have applied their place value knowledge to solve problems. The classes have enjoyed learning about a new dance this week with Miss Charlotte. We have started to learn about the flamenco and have focused on the tempo and timing of the music. We moved our learning on in Geography to use four figure grid references on maps and applied this knowledge to draw symbols in the correct places. Year 4 have been enjoying learning how to programme using the online resource, code.org. They are independently learning how to write code and debug programs and it is great to see their skills developing!

Year 5 This week has been slightly different in year 5 as we have been scientists. We are learning about the three states of matter and how to change materials from one thing to another. For example, by melting or evaporating. Our first few lessons were revision of what we learning in year 4 and then we spent some time carrying out an investigation about which materials dissolve – not disappear! – in water. We have to say that we did do a good job with our predictions! Next week, we will be carrying this on and thinking about how to separate materials. In our few spare moments, we have also been learning how to multiply by one and two digit numbers using the column method – it made us glad that we had to learn our times tables so well last year. Though a bit more work on them wouldn't hurt! It has certainly been a busy week – one more to go until half term!

Year 6 This week, in English, we wrote the diary of The Lost Thing. In our writing, we included the first person, past tense and we described personal feelings. We have been learning to spell hyphenated pre-fix words eg co-ordinate, co-author and re-educate. Please encourage your child to go onto Readwriter regularly. **This week in Maths**, we have been investigating multiplication and division (including short division). Some children have been reciting their times tables off by heart and earning house points. Please encourage your children to go onto TT Rockstars regularly. **In our topic**, we found out about George Stephenson and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We discovered how their amazing inventions have helped shape the world. **Next week in English**, we will be reading and writing poems inspired by the Industrial Revolution. We will be learning how to spell hyphenated compound adjectives, such as man-eating and wide-eyed. **In Maths**, we will be short and long division with word problems. **In Topic** we will be creating our own fact files about great inventors and their inventions.

Music The Word of the Week is Quaver (not the crisps!). A quaver is a note, which lasts half a beat. We often see them joined together with a beam. When we read quaver rhythms, we say 'ti-ti'. Year 6 did musical theory this week! We looked at different time signatures and used a variety of note values to compose our own rhythms. We also practised writing the C, F and G chord, which we use in our 12 Bar Blues. Year 5 practised the Egyptian chant we have composed for Egyptian Day. We added instruments to create an ostinato and added a fanfare opening and ending. Year 4 listened and appraised 'The Winner Takes it All' by ABBA. We practised singing 'Mamma Mia' and learnt how to play the ostinato accompaniment on the recorder. In Year 3, we listened and appraised 'Cocks and Hens' from the Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Seans. We composed our own animal movement compositions in groups and filmed our performances! We are looking forward to seeing them next week!