

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have started our new topic; all about growing and how the Season is changing. We have read the book 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and talked about how Jasper cared for his bean on different days of the week. Next week we will be planting our own beans and watching how they change. In maths we have been thinking about number bonds to 10; 2 numbers that we add together to make 10. We will continue this next week. In phonics we are starting phase 3, learning what a digraph is (2 letters making 1 sound), practising our reading and writing of cvc words.

Year 1 Year 1 have come back for the 2nd Spring term ready to learn and full of beans. In English we have looked at 'Jasper's beanstalk' and have started looking at how to write instructions. In Maths we have been using the 'part part whole' model to practise our addition skills and writing number sentences. In art we have started looking at the work of Vincent Van Gogh and used water colours again to complete a painting. In geography we have started looking at the United Kingdom and the 4 countries that make up it. In science we have begun our work on plants and used magnifying glasses to look closely at fruit and vegetables. In RE we have been looking at the signs of spring and new beginnings.

Year 2 Year 2 have been busy in English lessons being detectives and looking for clues in pictures to make inferences about a character. We think this character might be an astronaut because he had lots of Space ornaments in his lounge, pictures of Space missions and a trophy of The Moon. In maths we have continued our learning about multiplication and have been drawing pictures of equal groups and writing addition and multiplication expressions to go with them. We also had some problem solving where we had to link missing addition and multiplication expressions. We are all getting excited about our 'Space' topic and we have been sharing what we already know about Space and what we'd like to know at the end of the topic.

Year 3 This week in Year 3 we have dived deep into our new Dick Whittington text to create a setting description of London. We have enjoyed writing questions to hot seat Dick Whittington and the children have had to act out their answers. In Maths, the children have been starting the new topic of multiplication, specifically the 5 and 10 times tables. The children have been using their prior knowledge to help them make the links between the two times tables as well. We have also been learning how to half and double using the facts about the 2 times tables. The children have been finishing off their Islam unit of work by creating a prayer mat, using different geometric patterns and colours. It has also been an exciting week for PE as Mr Puckey has introduced the children to gymnastics! They have loved learning the fundamental poses that are needed in their gymnastic routines. The children are also enjoying getting their speeches rehearsed and ready to perform for the new week ahead. Reminder to have them ready by Monday 28th if not finished all ready.

Year 4 Despite a windy start to the new half term, the children have focused on their learning and have had a wonderful week! We have enjoyed our hands on science lessons where the children have investigated switches in circuits, made their own switches and have designed and made a dragon mask with eyes that lit up. The Year 4s are now dragon experts and will be showcasing their expertise by writing reports to make a dragon class book. We are looking forward to gymnastics this term and have learnt some fundamentals in our first week; including pike, tuck and v-sit. The fun kept coming with our mathematics as we focused on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and solving problems that applied our learning.

Year 5 Year 5 has hit the ground running with exploring the historical events of the Battle of Britain. Cross-curricular with history is English, where we have been identifying features of explanation texts. In Maths, we have been finding strategies to solve equations with decimal fractions using the most efficient method. Highlight of the week has been the amazing trip to Bentley Priory museum, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Year 6 **This week, in English**, we have been reading and discussing the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We have made inferences based on what we know of the crayons and we have used synonyms to give our writing interest and depth. **This week in Maths** we have been exploring units of measure and converting measurements. **In our Topic**, we have been learning about deserts, mountains and rivers. In our **DT** project, we have found out about the ExoMars mission. We have written a design specification for a Mars Rover. **Next week, in English**, We hope they will all be inspired writers. Please remember to log into Readwriter to practice our spelling pattern. **In Maths**, we will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. All children should please log into Mathletics and TTRS regularly to help consolidate their learning. It is really important that they all know their times table facts fluently. In **Topic**, we will be exploring rivers. This week, we will also be sharing our speeches with our own classes so the children still have time to develop their speeches.

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Music This week our Word of the Week is timbre which is the sound quality of music. It is the sound quality of instruments and voices but we can also use adjectives to describe a timbre such as bright, dull, tinny, warm. In Year 6 we listened and appraised the movement, 'Mercury, the Winged Messenger' by Holst. We learnt to play the main motif on the recorder and used this to create improvisations within a rondo structure. In Year 4 we listened to some recorder by J.S.Bach then practised our own recorder skills thinking about breath control and articulation. In Year 3 we started a new topic called 'STOMP'. Stomp are a physical theatre group who use junk percussion to create exciting rhythmic displays. We noticed that percussion instruments are played by striking, shaking and scraping in different ways. We also learnt a song called 'Recycle It' and worked out how to write some of the word patterns using standard notation.