

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week EYFS have done us all so proud with their sparkling and shiny performances. We are so proud of them for their singing and dancing and changing; they have all been absolute stars. We have also been thinking about the story of Christmas and using our existing number knowledge to problem solve linked to the theme of Christmas.

**Year 1** Year 1 have had a really busy week with 'Wriggly Nativity'. Thank you for all your support with the production. The children looked amazing in their costumes and they really enjoyed singing and dancing. Hopefully you are now in the Christmas spirit! We have been doing science this week and recording the weather to see how it changes, we have also been looking at how trees change over the year by using our art skills. Next week we will be exploring letters in English and looking at problem solving in maths.

**Year 2** This week in Year 2, we have really enjoyed acting, singing and performing in our Christmas production 'Wriggly Nativity'. We had lots of fun in the dances and we hope that you enjoyed our performances if you were able to attend. In English, we have been reading the story of Rapunzel and we have been thinking about improving and extending our writing into paragraphs; we have been trying to include capital letters, full stops, question marks, conjunctions, similes and adjectives. So much to remember! Next week, we will be exploring the different elements that go into a fairy story and some of us will be creating our own. In our topic, we have been learning about food and banquets in castles, comparing them to the sort of food that we eat now. Next week we will have a 'castles day' to celebrate our new learning and we will share a banquet. In Maths, we have been learning how to add two-digit numbers together by drawing tens and ones to show our working out. Next week we will be continuing to practise this and will start to look at subtracting two-digit number too.

**Year 3** Thank you to everyone for getting our Christmas costumes ready this week. We're going to be looking marvellous! We can't wait. This week we've been putting the world to right by holding our own General Election! Thankfully the children did a great job and our future should be safe in their hands! New political parties were created, manifestos written, spending priorities discussed, compromises made and a winner was declared. How refreshing it was to see issues such as clean water, nature, kindness and caring being made a priority, with not one mention of the 'B' word! Next week we're looking forward to the Christmas production, along with assessments and a super secret mission! We're still short of help for our walk to the Parish church on Thursday 19th December, after lunch. We'll be back in time for the end of school and it would be wonderful if anyone could walk with us. If you can, please talk to your child's teacher. Thank you!

**Year 4** This week, we have been looking at persuasive texts and the features that are used. We have read examples and will be writing our persuasive letters next week. In maths, we have focused on learning how to multiply and divide by 6, using equipment, pictures and bar models to help us. We have been working on our skills to reason in maths and prove that our answers are correct. In Geography, we are getting ready to write reports about a country in Europe. We have been finding lots of interesting information about the countries and are looking forward to presenting them in a report. We are really excited about seeing everyone at the Christmas show next week which we have been practising lots!

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have been learning about the 5 pillars of Islam. It has been inspiring hearing the stories from teachers and students about their experiences in their faith. We have been connecting to Islam and comparing Islamic beliefs to their own and to Christianity. Year 3 came and shared their work with us about the political system, we were really impressed and reflected on our own views about the way the country is run. We were also treated to a preview of the KS1 Christmas performances which were amazing!!! We are looking forward to showing off our skills next week, we have a tough act to follow!

**Year 6** This week has been a 'testing' week for Year Six, especially as they have been completing their practice tests ready for the SATs in May. They have also been perfecting their Christmas Carol chapter writing and their incredible Victorian Working Children displays which are almost complete. We think everyone is ready to begin the countdown to Christmas. Mr Streeter has even put up a Christmas tree with lights, so it must be time!

**Music** We are sure you have enjoyed the KS1 production this week and it is now time for the KS2 children to perform! We have been working on PDP – Posture, Diction, Projection! We are ready to present our White Christmas with a collection of traditional and new songs, poems, sketches and dances. Singing Starz – please keep practising your songs and dance moves over the holidays. Get your family involved for some holiday entertainment!!