

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week has been an absolute hoot in EYFS! We started the week with a visit from Forest Ian and Indiana the barn owl! We have been learning some very interesting facts about owls and have begun to explore the other characters in the story 'The Gruffalo'. In Forest School we have taken advantage of the unseasonably good weather and have been helping 'Spring clean' the area, spotting signs of Spring, counting sticks and hunting for minibeasts. We then toasted marshmallows and enjoyed sticky sandwiches!

Year 1 Year 1 has had a great first week back after our lovely half term break! The children have enjoyed telling us all about their families and homes in their half term reports. We are continuing to look at non-chronological reports and will be delving a little deeper this half term, looking at the specific features of a report in more detail. This is in preparation for their animal reports based on their exciting zoo trip in a few weeks! In Maths we have looked at number in more detail, exploring odd and even numbers and doing some clever counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. This half term the children will also be learning all about explorers, the world and the animals which inhabit the different parts of the world, in History and Geography.

Year 2 In Year 2, we have begun our new topic, '**Emergency**'. Lots of the children chose to dress up on our WOW day – we had nurses, police, fire fighters and even a mountain rescuer! In Science, we have been learning about the 'Eatwell' plate and how important it is to have a balanced diet. Children have been sorting foods into groups. More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/> In Maths, we have been dividing. We know that we have to count **how many** objects we have and that we have to share into **equal groups**. We have been using the division symbol and some children are seeing links back to multiplication facts eg 20 divided into 4 equal groups is 5 in each group and $5 \times 4 = 20$. Some Year 2 children have received their **Mathletics** certificates in our Friday assembly. Well done to those children! Please give your child time to use Mathletics and explore division and multiplication. If your child does not have their log in, then please let us know. In English, our focus text is '**I'm really ever so not well**' by Lauren Child.

Year 3 This week in year 3 we have really enjoyed learning about the expanded method for addition in Maths. The children have learned how to set out their numbers in columns and add them up. They worked really hard to set out the numbers correctly and we were very impressed with the presentation. We have started a new topic about London and are looking at famous London landmarks before we move onto the history of London. Thank you for supporting your children with their Public Speaking homework and we are really enjoying listening to them all and can see a lot of hard work has gone into them.

Year 4 Year 4 have come back full of beans and ready to learn. In Literacy we have been looking at non chronological reports and finding out about the different features and what makes a good report. In Maths we have been looking at length and converting between mm, cm and m. We have also moved on to finding the perimeter of different shapes. Both teachers have been very impressed with the public speaking presentations so far, its going to be very tough to choose who goes through to the next round. The children have also been loving the sunshine and really enjoyed their first hockey lesson this week.

Year 5 We started Spring 2 term with our new text, 'Varmints' by Helen Ward and it has left us speechless. We are predicting, inferring and drawing our conclusions; all our reading skills are being challenged and it is fun. In Maths, Year 5 has been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and using place value grids to help us visualise. Public Speaking has been in full swing and both classes are now waiting for the results for the Year 5 finals which will be announced next week. 'Classification Key' for animals including animals, plants and mini beasts are actually FUN! Year 5 were great when identifying the characteristics of animals, plants and mini beasts. Next week is WORLD BOOK DAY on Thursday 7th March and we are looking forward to celebrating the love of reading.

Year 6 You would not believe the buzz of excitement in Year 6 this week over a book! Now this is a book that you would normally expect to find in the preschool section of a bookshop, not in a Year 6 class of students preparing to move to Secondary school. One of Miss Elliot's favourite books (and she has many), 'The Day The Crayons Quit', is already destined to become a favourite of us all, even though we have only had a sneaky read so far. We have been discussing colours and the emotions we would associate with them. In Mathematics we concluded our work on triangles and quadrilaterals. It took a little longer than anticipated but the additional time was spent applying our knowledge to a variety of questions. The unexpected warm weather was most welcome, as we have now switched from tennis to hockey in PE. Our topic work on Earth and Space continues and this week we have been understanding why we have day and night and how shadows change over the course of a day.

Music We had fun in Y6 analysing music used for the Apollo Space Launch and Space Odyssey 2001. It is called Also sprach Zarathustra and was written by Richard Strauss in 1896!! We created our own version using glockenspiels, keyboards, drums and cymbals! In Y5 we have put together a sequence of the rhythms we have learnt so far and have been more creative with our improvisations. We have started a new topic in Y4. We are learning about Indian Music and have been investigating rhythms called Talas. In Y3 we enjoyed watching the percussion group STOMP and started to create our own rhythms using junk percussion.

Spring Concert 13th March 6pm. - Tickets are being sent out today to children who have already returned their slip. I still have quite a few replies to come in. New letters have been issued today. Please return them a.s.a.p. or email music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk