

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception Wow, what an amazing first term for all of the children. They have made new friendships, adjusted to new routines, performed a spectacular nativity and showcased oodles of progress in their learning. As a staff we couldn't be prouder of all the children and how each of their confidence has grown over the past term. We wish everyone a magical Christmas over the break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year for more exciting learning opportunities. As a final note I would really appreciate if over the holidays you are getting rid of any underwear or school clothes, please do think of us and donate them to school. As you know we build up stock each year to be able to provide spare clothes if children were to have an accident however, since September the majority of items we have lent out have not been returned and our stock is running rather low. Any support through donations or returns would be gratefully appreciated. Many thanks and have a wonderful holiday break, the EYFS team.

Year 1 What a start to the year. The Year 1 children have worked really hard in the Autumn term and are making steady progress. Some of the writing that we have produced has been amazing! The children have really enjoyed creating their own under water sea story and poems. They loved their visit from the Raptor Foundation that sparked their creativity and imagination to produce a non-chronological report about owls and other nocturnal animals. They have now completed their fantastic letters to The Jolly Christmas Postman and they are now feeling very Christmassy! In Maths this term the children have learned how to say and write their numbers to 10. They immersed themselves into learning about 1 more and 1 less by using the concrete resources to help them. We have looked at 2D and 3D shapes and how we see them everyday. The children have been adding and subtracting numbers within 10. The children have enjoyed learning about different animals and how they adapt to the different temperatures and seasons. The children have also looked at the different seasons and how to tell the seasons apart because of the weather. The children performed amazingly in the 'Wriggly Nativity'. The children have been amazing this term and we are so excited to see what happens in the New Year! Well done Year 1!

Year 2 In Year 2, we have been writing and editing our final fairy stories. We have been impressed with the creativity of some of the stories, mixing in characters, settings, problems and outcomes from different stories. What great writers we are becoming! In our topic, we have reviewed our own learning and we have been excited to discuss and share our new learning about castles. We have all set ourselves new aims and targets for next term, reflecting on what we said we wanted our classes to be like at the beginning of term and recognising the part that we have to play in that. We have been learning to recite poems and sing songs this week too. In maths we have learnt how to add and subtract two digit numbers using exchanging. The children have really enjoyed learning how to do this by drawing tens and ones and have felt really proud of themselves when they have got the correct answer! After Christmas, we will be learning about multiplication and division. We will be sending home reading books during the holidays – please encourage your child to read regularly in the break. After the holidays, we will begin our new topic 'Frozen Planet' – the children have a wordmat linked to this topic with some key words to become familiar with. What can your child find out about cold places and the animals that live there?

Year 3 Wow! What a wonderful first term it has been in year 3. The children definitely deserve a holiday after all of their hard work this term. We began with our topic on how the world began and moved forward in time to the Stone Age. The children produced some fantastic writing about this and loved our school trip to Flag Fen. Lots of the children said that their favourite topic this term has been learning about the digestive system. They loved the day when we demonstrated this by making the poo bottle. It was gross but lots of fun. The children have made great progress with their maths this term. They have developed mental strategies for adding and subtracting more efficiently and many of them have now mastered the written method for adding. Most of all we are incredibly proud of how the children have transitioned into Key Stage 2 and are now used to the bigger playground and all of the Key Stage 2 routines. We are very much looking forward to the spring term and the next chapter of our learning journey.

Year 4 We can hardly believe that the Autumn is finally over. It has been a very busy 15 weeks with lots of exciting learning taking place. We started Year 4 by studying the book *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy and wrote our own fairy stories and this half term have tried to persuade a very grumpy Father Christmas, from the book by Raymond Briggs, that Christmas should be enjoyed by everyone including him! In maths we have improved our time tables fluency and speed of recall and developed our written calculation methods. Whilst in science, our first topic was Sound and we are currently in the middle of discovering more about the different states of matter. Next term we will be studying the Viking history period. Happy Christmas to you all.

Year 5 Where did the term go? It seems like yesterday when we had our WW2 day at the beginning of this term, an amazing day to celebrate our topic. We have been busy writing diary entries, poems, newspaper reports and character descriptions, and with all that writing, our writing skills are shaping up nicely. 'Dong Nao Jin' is our mantra in every learning but especially in Maths. Year 5 children will be able to tell you that it means 'going deeper' and challenging ourselves. We've investigated additive, multiplicative structures along with addition, subtraction and multiplication, along with a whole week of 'measure' during Maths Week. We've tried to separate pasta from rice, rice from sand and sand from water. It was tricky but fun learning about materials and their properties. During RE, we had some in depth discussions about 5 pillars of Islam, Year 5's ideas and thoughts are so mature that both Mrs Vickers and myself felt ourselves delving deep in philosophy. Netball finished off with a tournament which all children enjoyed thoroughly. Last but not the least, we are very, very proud of our Year 5s and all their hard work this term, a massive well done! And we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2020!

Year 6 This week it has all been about Mini Enterprise in Year 6! We carried out a stock check and quality control check before the Big Day on Wednesday to make sure that we had some impressive items to sell. On Tuesday we went round all the classes to advertise our products and decided how we were going to set up our stalls. The sale itself went very well and lots of adults commented on how mature we were. After all the money was counted up and our costs were taken into account, we made a profit of £305.02 which is fantastic! Miss Elliott and Mr Streeter would like to sincerely thank all the parents for how they have supported this venture and provided lots of delicious food to sell. We really couldn't have done it without you! Our other focus this week has been a unit of RE and Art - we have studied the Hindu festival of Divali and designed our own Rangoli patterns. We drew these in chalk outside Year 6 to welcome everyone into our unit and then recreated these designs using sand. This required some very focus listening skills and a lot of complex instructions that needed to be followed. It's been a very busy term, as it always is in year 6 but we have all made progress both in our work and in our levels of maturity. We hope you all have a very restful holiday and will see you back in the New Year.

Music The highlight of our musical week has been the Christmas Concert Assembly for instrumentalists. The children had been preparing their festive melodies over the last few weeks and for some it was their first time performing in front of an audience. Congratulations to our seasonal performers. After Christmas we will only have 3 more weeks before the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. Please continue to learn the songs and dance moves over the Christmas break! The Young Voices team have gone back to the simpler login (hooray) of YV2020 without having to use an email. Go through the music room tab from the drop down menu.
Merry Christmas!