## vearning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week in EYFS the Christmas spirit has really taken over! We watched the fabulous KS2 Christmas show, made Christmas crowns and decorations, written cards and used shapes to make Christmassy pictures to name just a few! We have also been consolidating our phonics knowledge, practicing segmenting and blending cvc words and writing long ladder letters. We have been working hard on supporting the children's personal, social and emotional skills (especially as it is always harder to maintain when one is tired!) through role play, modelling games and talking about how important it is to be kind to all. We have read several books about this such as The ugly five, Rainbow fish and How to fill a bucket. Next week we will be continuing the Christmas magic with writing letters to Father Christmas, more Christmas craft and consolidating our number knowledge to ten in different ways.

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 the children have been doing lots of problem solving and reasoning in Maths, using shapes, numbers and addition and subtraction. They have been completing their problem solving activities practically and then verbally explaining their answers to help them in their written reasoning. In English this week the children have been looking at the different features that are used when writing a letter. They have created their own envelope addressed to the Jolly Postman. In Science the children have created a Season Colour Wheel to help them see when the different seasons happen throughout the year. The children have also started to finish off the sounds to Phase 5 ready for the new year to start recapping through all sounds. The children really enjoyed going to watch the KS2 Christmas production. Next week the children will be writing their letter to the Jolly Postman, doing more problem solving in Maths and learning the story of Christmas.

**Year 2** This week in English, we have been learning to tell the story of Rapunzel off by heart. We have used drama to help us add in narrator language, as well as character speech. We will be writing our own fairy stories, perhaps making up one of our own. We will then edit our stories, checking that we have used the correct punctuation, spellings, and improving our vocabulary choices, adding in better adjectives and making sure that we have used conjunctions. On Friday, in our topic, we had a special castles day. We enjoyed crown making, dancing, singing and a banquet. This week in maths we have been adding and subtracting two-digit numbers using exchanging. It is really important that we draw our tens and ones clearly, so that we don't make any mistakes! Next week, we will be continuing to practise this skill and also be looking at numbers bonds to 100 and adding three one-digit numbers together.

**Year 3** The year 3 team are incredibly proud of all of the children who have given their all in the performances this week. We are so pleased that they have come back to perform again in the evening. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported us with this. In class we have been rounding in maths and creating 3d shapes. We have also been continuing with our guided reading work based on Stig of the Dump. We have done some things this week which we can't talk about yet but we are sure you will love them when they come home for Christmas. Next week we will be doing some lovely Christmassy learning and visiting the Parish Church.

**Year 4** We are all exceptionally proud of the Year 4 children this week who have been amazing in the Christmas Concert. They all practised really hard and performed brilliantly. It was a pleasure to see them smiling, singing, dancing and acting so confidently and enthusiastically on stage. Well done! In between performances we have finished writing our persuasive letters to Father Christmas and have been learning our 9 times tables.

**Year 5** Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! What a wonderful and wintry penultimate week we have had. Year 5, you have made us all so proud with your performance this week! Your composure and mature attitude means you have arrived in Year 5! We have also found time to squeeze in English activities, in particular: Relative Clauses. Next week we are winding down with poetry and RE.

**Year 6** Talented and marvellous, the amazing Year Six have been demonstrating their musical abilities and skills in this week's Christmas performance. Managing to keep in time has been absolutely no problem to this group of brilliant entertainers. As well as this, they have been showing their creative, entrepreneurial sides as they plan, design and make their products ready to sell during next week's Mini Enterprise Day. There have been an array of items from: bracelets; loom bands; stick puppets; peg people; pompom animals; Pokemon cards; baubles and Christmas cards. Utterly incredible! Well done everyone!

**Music** This week all our hard work over the last few weeks culminated in the performances of our Christmas Show, 'Let it Snow'! We have been concentrating hard on our performance skills such as good posture, clear diction and the projection of our voices. We really enjoyed our show and hope you did too! Will it snow?! Year 5 had a music lesson this week and created their own arrangements of Jingle Bells using recorders, glockenspiels, voice and assorted percussion.