

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception It has been a very exciting week for all the Reception children as they successfully completed their first few full days at school. The EYFS team have been particularly impressed with how everyone has been eating their lunch. This week we have been getting used to the daily routine, learning about the golden rules and making good choices. In Literacy we have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. Everyone has enjoyed joining in with the actions and the repeated refrains from the story. In Maths we have been focusing on counting different objects to 10. In physical development we completed a 'Bear Hunt Obstacle Course' linked to the story.

Year 1 Newsflash! Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush were kidnapped on Monday! Only the clever work of Year 1 could free them from Big Bad Blu-Tack! After the children had retold the story of Traction Man, we got back our two friends from the Baddie. Crafty Chalk has also been out and about in our school, so Year 1 have had to defeat him with their excellent motor skills. There have been many challenges to meet, such as finding dangers in the Wild Area and making signs to warn Traction Man. In addition, all children have worked on their writing skills in small groups with their teachers. In Maths we have wanted more! 1 more than, 2 more than and even 3 more than. The children have been working on doubling as well, so any practise at home would be helpful. What daring deeds will be in store for Year 1 next week...?

Year 2 Year 2 have had another busy week. In Literacy we have been planning and writing our space adventures stories and trying to include lots of expanded noun phrases. In Maths we have been recapping place value and developing our addition skills. In Science we have been finding out about the different food groups and what makes up a healthy and balanced diet. The children are all working hard with their handwriting, there are lots of things you can do at home to help them develop their fine motor skills and pencil grip. Threading beads, colouring, painting, tracing, using pegs and tweezers are good ways of helping to strengthen finger grips and pencil control.

Year 3 This week in Year 3 we have been working really hard on our maths. The children have been learning about place value. They understand the value of each digit in a number. We have also been using < and > to compare numbers. The children are also very confident when adding and subtracting multiples of ten from a two digit number. In literacy, we have continued with our work based around the story of Stone Age Boy. We have written descriptions of the characters in the story and of the setting.

Year 4 Another busy week in Year 4. In Literacy we have been looking closely at the illustrations in our text and discussing what they tell us about the different characters. We have also been practicing using apostrophes for possession in our writing. In Maths we are adding numbers mentally using partitioning strategies and are continuing to revise our multiplication tables. In Science we used the instruments to explore how sounds are made and will be investigating volume and pitch. The artist we will be studying this half term is Edvard Munch and we have been sketching his painting The Scream.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have been reading Goodnight Mr Tom, we have learnt more about Zacharias Wrench and the children in the book are learning how to act! In maths we have been learning how to read decimal numbers and practising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 6 This week year 6 have been writing a diary entry in role as the Shaun, the main character of our book, 'The Lost Thing'. We revised the features of the text type before doing some drama to help up understand his thoughts and feelings. We certainly have some budding actors in the unit! In Maths, we have been focusing on using algebra to solve equations with two unknown numbers - it has been fun but definitely has been making our brains work extra hard! We are also continuing with our urban landscapes in the style of Lowry using watercolours. This is proving more challenging than some of us first thought! But we're getting the hang of it now! When we are finished, we'll be sure to let you know how it has gone. Obviously we are all looking forward to next week with our various trips and activities - get plenty of rest this weekend!

Music Our Y6 pupils consolidated their ukulele and 12 Bar Blues skills this week by working in groups to prepare either Hound Dog or Hard Time Blues. They worked really well to support each other and created some excellent performances. Meanwhile, our Y3 children have learnt how to play 'Hot Cross Buns' on the recorder! Well done Singing Stars for accessing the songs on YouTube! The resources are now also available at www.youngvoices.co.uk. Sorry Y4&5 - we had no power for your keyboards this week!