

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception We have immersed ourselves into Stick Man this week by Julia Donaldson. We have stopped at the fire scene where stick man has fallen asleep as we don't yet want to spoil the ending. It has been great to explore the characters and repetitive language from the story and going into next week we will be using our knowledge of the story to support our learning across the environment. At home perhaps you could read the story together and have a think about the characters and main events, joining in with stick man as he yells "I'm stick man, I'm stick man, I'm stick man, that's me!" You could also look out for great sticks on a winter walk over the weekend and perhaps make your own stick man, stick lady love or stick children three. It would be great to see some of these on tapestry if you do :) The children have also been practising their nativity songs in full swing this week preparing for their performance in a few weeks. It has been lovely to see everyone's confidence growing and the enjoyment in all of their faces as they belt out each tune. We look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks for the performances and want to say a huge thank you for all of the costumes you have provided for your children. Have a lovely weekend, the EYFS team.

Year 1 In Year 1 this week, the children have been writing non-chronological reports about 3 types of nocturnal animals such as bats, badgers and foxes. So we have had learned facts about these types of animals. The children have been exploring shapes in Maths this week. The children have been on a 3D and 2D shape hunt around the school to find the different shapes that they can see everyday. In Science this week, the children have been looking at the four different seasons. The children have also been looking at how the seasons change from autumn to winter. In Phonics this week, the children have been learning the different spellings for the 'oa' sound, which include a split vowel digraph (o-e) and the digraph (oe). In PE the children have been improving their skills in the sport netball with the PE coach. Next week the children will be looking at different maths problems that include 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2 In our topic this week in Year 2, we have been thinking about the different roles and jobs that people would have done in a castle. We have matched jobs to people, read and written diaries for different people, describing their day. We have also been comparing our own homes to castles, saying what might be the same but what is different. Lots of us were glad that we could all have more than one bath in a month! In our English, we have been learning how to use question marks in our writing. Next week, we will be writing letters from George Mouse to the dragon and we will be including question sentences. In Maths this week we have been looking at related facts and number bonds that are ten times bigger. Knowing these facts will help us work out calculations much quicker! Next week we are looking at number bonds to 100 and then methods of adding and subtracting. We have been really impressed with the Home Learning projects that the children have completed this term. Thank you for supporting their learning. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Curiosity Café next Friday where we will be focusing on reading and phonics.

Year 3 Wow! What a week it's been! Well done to class 8 for their fabulous sharing assembly on Wednesday. Thank you for all the support they got at home, practicing their words. How lovely it was to see so many speaking in assembly for the first time. We're all so proud of you! In maths we've been learning to do column addition. It's a good thing that we all understand place value now as that really helps! We've been learning all about our digestive system in science, both ends! There are some tricky scientific names to remember and it all sounds a little bit messy! On top of all this it has been Anti Bullying Week. We've been focussing on making small changes by being more kind. We designed 'Odd Socks' for others in our classes. We had to think about that person, what they like and include that in our designs. We then had fun sharing our designs with the other person and seeing if we got things right! We're all looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre and especially at our magnificent HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE! See you there!

Year 4 This week, Year 4 have been learning about how to be efficient mathematicians. We have looked at different methods to solve problems and talked about how the column method isn't always the most efficient, estimating answers to check calculations and using the inverse. Next week we will be learning about multiplication and division. We have continued looking at the 'Father Christmas' story and have been making inferences about how Father Christmas feels. In science, we have carried out an investigation to find out whether gases weigh anything. Next week, we will be learning about liquid viscosity. In geography, we have been comparing our local area to Bergen in Norway and discussing physical and human features. We have also been busy with our Christmas show preparations and we have started learning dances and a poem.

Year 5 This week we have had wonderful writing flowing through the year group, illustrating the hard work year 5 have been putting into their guided reading. We have been reading Way Home by Libby Hathorn, without seeing the book. Our question is: Who is Shane? And as the great detective they are, the children have been using inference skills to find the evidence and justify their ideas. In maths we have been looking at equivalence using calculations. Our minds have been blown by how easy factor x factor = product is! In PE, we have been braving the cold and learning how to PIVOT in netball, a skill that is tricky for some! Next week we are looking forward to Science week!

Year 6 This week Year Six have been writing powerful descriptions of settings and planning their chapter on 'The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come.' In maths they have started work on fractions (finding equivalent / simplifying / ordering). Finally they have started to plan their Victorian displays which will show what jobs working Victorian children did and how they felt. Well done everyone!

Music We have all been working hard to learn the signing actions for our opening and closing Christmas numbers with Mrs Barker. We are all trying to memorise the words now and the skill is to know what comes next! Please help us learn 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas' (the Taylor Swift version) and 'Let it Snow' at home. We are putting lots of expression into our singing in order to tell the story. Singing Starz are doing incredibly well learning all the words and actions for our trip to the O2 in January. The website has been changed slightly so you now need to register with an email and create a password then go through the normal route with the code YV2020. Please help Mrs Merson by learning the actions as she finds this part quite challenging!!