

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception What a fabulous week it has been! The children have all shown amazing resilience, kindness and enthusiasm as we have returned to school and we could not be more proud. This week we have been thrilled with how well everyone has settled and how happy everyone has been to be back to school. We have been exploring subitising through exploring images and spotting patterns as well as numerical amounts. We have also been using our phonics to decode words in addition to using the segment in order to add labels to images and our work. As we jump into next week we will be continuing our work on subitising and recapping our Phase 3 diagraphs; ai, ee, ng, th, sh, ch & qu. We will also be exploring the season of spring as signs continue to pop up around our local community and our outdoor environment. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, the EYFS team.

Year 1 We have had a great start back to school in Year 1! The children are incredibly excited to return to their classroom learning alongside their friends. They have settled really well, and we are very proud of them for their adaptability. We started off the week by going on a bog baby hunt! This was the introduction to our focus text 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. We have continued to count in 2s and 5s this week in our Maths lessons. We have had our first dance lesson in PE with Miss Charlotte which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The dance that they are learning links to our Science topic 'plants'. We have been assessing Reading, Writing and Maths and this will continue throughout next week.

Year 2 It is lovely to have everyone back! This week in English, we have story mapped and written our own version of 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. Our Readwriter, spelling and handwriting pattern has been 'a' making the /or/ sound. Our GPS focus has been using the past tense. In **Maths** we started to explore fractions and we will continue next week. In **Science** we've shared our understanding of the Solar System and in **art** we've started experimenting with oil pastels while **DT** has been using the sliders we discovered during lockdown, but what it is, is a secret! Next week, in English, we will be using the past tense in sentences as we write a diary for Bob's busy day working on the moon. Our Readwriter, spelling and handwriting pattern will be 'o' making the short /u/ sound. We will be checking and developing our reading comprehension skills. In **Art** we will begin to apply the skills we learnt this week with oil pastels. In **science** we shall explore the star constellations. In **DT** we hope to make some 'flying saucer' mini Dutch pancakes called 'Poffertjes'. Please read and sign the message in the home communication books. Thank you!

Year 3 What a lovely week it has been for Year 3 this week. We have been so happy to have the children back in school, they have really come back with such a positive attitude. The children have also been so amazing and settled into their work really well, we are all so proud of all of their efforts. In English this week the children have been investigating what is the difference between a myth and a legend. They have read multiple stories that link to being a myth or a legend, they have even had a go at writing their own! In Maths the children have been continuing their learning on shapes and angles. We have been exploring what properties a quadrilateral has. They have really started to understand what a parallel line is and what lines are perpendicular. In PE, the children have started tennis with Mr Puckey and have been looking at their racket skills, coordination skills by keeping up a tennis ball. This week the children have been looking at the artist Ali Coulter and creating a wonderful picture based on the work that she has created. Well done Year 3 on your wonderful return!

Year 4 It's great to all be back at school! Although some of us were a little apprehensive arriving on Monday morning, very quickly it was as if we had never been away. We have all enjoyed seeing our friends again, having the chance to socialise together and catch up with each other's news. The Vikings are coming to Wheatfields as we have drawn our own Viking warriors to set sail for England. We have also become history detectives and looked at what artefacts from the past can tell us about this period in history. Everyone had great fun finding buried Viking objects in the sand! In maths, we carried out a survey and presented our data in tables and on a bar chart. Class 10 found out that the favourite computer game in their class was Fortnite (No surprise there!). We have also started reading Viking Boy by Tony Bradman and are looking forward to finding out about Gunner's (the main character) fate.

Year 5 In Year 5 this week, we have hit the ground running! We have had a few teeny tiny assessments and lots of meaningful discussions about our learning. We are so proud of the way the children have conducted themselves this week and it is showing in their learning! We are finishing off the term learning about non-chronological reports with a focus on 'Formal Conjunctions'. In Maths, we have continued to look at line graphs, plotting data accurately and how to compare data on the same graph. In Geography we have looked at terminology for how rivers have shaped the land and had deep and meaningful conversations in RE about Buddhism. Next week, we will continue to practice using formal conjunctions in English and in PE (fingers crossed for good weather!) we will be outside learning skill acquisition in football.

Year 6 A busy week this week for Year Six on their return! Firstly, we have been going back over the maths they have not been doing for some time (on calculations), so they could complete an assessment (poor children)! Secondly, in our Earth and Space topic, we have planned and written up an investigation to find out if the height or distance an asteroid is away from an object will affect the crater it forms (obviously on a much, much smaller scale using marbles and trays of sand)! Finally, the pupils have been spooked by our text in English – 'The Pit and the Pendulum,' written by Edgar Allan Poe – a wonderful Gothic short story. A MASSIVE WELL DONE to all the pupils in Year 6; you wouldn't know they had been away!

Music It has been lovely seeing all the children back in school again this week! Well done to the many children who accessed their music learning at home; I'm really impressed with the progress you have made. This week we have been reviewing learning from the term as well as continuing with our skills. Y6 combined their Space topic with music by listening to Mars from the Planet Suite by Gustav Holst. We noticed the irregular time signature of 5 beats in a bar and learnt how to clap the ostinato pattern. In Y5 we started learning about African music. We learnt some call and response rhythms and played some rhythm games. In Y4 we listened to the music of Chopin, a Polish composer who loved the piano. We are also learning about pitch in music. In Y3 we are learning about pulse and metre in music. We found the beat and rhythm in a chant and played some rhythm games. We also listened to 'Let Your Spirits Fly' on Charanga.