

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception Welcome back to all the EYFS children. We hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable half-term. The children have been excited to be back, learning all about Chinese New Year. We have listened to and understood the story of Chinese New Year, discussing the different animals and how each animal participating in the race came to be part of the Chinese Calendar. We even received a personal letter from the Chinese President asking for our help! We have been very busy cooking in the Chinese restaurant, colouring in and making animals out of play dough, as well as practising our Chinese symbols in sand. In Maths, the children have been learning about 'time' including days of the week, time of day and measuring time. In Phonics, we have looked at two new digraphs 'ee' and 'oa' as well as our first trigraph 'igh'.

Year 1 Welcome back after half-term! This week the children of Year 1 have found a bear.... You read correctly! We have found a bear called Winnie! Now Winnie is not an ordinary bear, she is a remarkable bear. In fact she is the bear that Winnie-the-Pooh is based on. Both classes this week have been learning this fantastic story through talk for writing, hot seating our LSA's and chronologically sequencing the text! In Maths the cohort have been consolidating their understanding of number pairs. Specifically we have been remembering pairs to 5,6,7,8 and 9! In Science we learnt about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We linked this new found knowledge to food chains and wrote our own - some of these were very interesting... Roll on next week.

Year 2 Year 2 have come back full of beans and really ready to learn. We have started our new class text 'The Secret Garden'. The children have written descriptive paragraphs about a garden using noun phrases, commas in a list and exclamation sentences. They have also explored the characters in the story by writing a diary entry as Mary or Mrs Medlock. In Maths we have been working on addition and subtraction and securing our written methods. In Science we have begun to look at plants and the different ways that seeds are dispersed. In geography we have looked at different images of our school including satellite images and maps. Class 5 did Miss Hammond and themselves proud in their class assembly on Wednesday. Just a little reminder that we are doing indoor and outdoor PE on Monday afternoons so please make sure that the children have a change of shoes and longer tracksuit trousers if they want them.

Year 3 Wow! The children in Year 3 have had a great start back after half term. We started with a topic day where we learned about Islam and, in particular about how Muslims pray. The children really enjoyed this and enjoyed designing their own prayer mats. We had a visitor, Mrs Kusar, who came in to talk about being a Muslim and prayer. This was fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Kusar for coming in. In our Literacy this week, we have started a topic based around the story of Dick Whittington. We listened to the story and have thought lots about why he wanted to go to London. In maths we have continued with our work on fractions and have moved on to right angles. It's been a very busy week!

Year 4 Year 4 have had an action-packed week back! We have begun to discuss our new Literacy topic: Non-Chronological Reports (Non-fiction). Over the next few weeks we will be learning about the features of a report in order to write our own report about Vikings to be displayed in the library. In Maths, we have recapped our knowledge of place value and have been recognising patterns in number sequences. We look forward to next Tuesday when we will be having our first of several football sessions with a specialist in P.E.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have been revising our multiplication and division strategies. We have been looking at the multiplication grid method and the short division bus stop method. In Literacy we have been putting our inference skills to the test by learning new ways to infer a text! Year 5 are thinking outside of the box and making personal connections to a text we are reading. Finally we have been enjoying listening to each other's speeches, they have all been very entertaining so far, and we can't wait to hear the rest!

Year 6 This week in Year 6 we have begun looking at the style of journalistic writing. In Maths we have solved some problems involving money and reviewed our knowledge of time. We have all enjoyed listening to the speeches the children have prepared and are impressed with the children's attitude towards getting up and giving it a go - well done Year 6!

Music Well done to all the children in Y3 and Y4 who have accessed the Charanga Music website and have already earned coins! There is the opportunity to change your username and password to make it more memorable. On Thursday, Mr Milgate (our visiting woodwind teacher), gave a demonstration assembly for the clarinet and saxophone. We saw the fantastic progress that our existing pupils are making. Children have been given the opportunity to take home a letter inviting them to take part in a taster lesson with a view to taking up lessons. If you did not receive a letter but are interested in your child learning the clarinet or saxophone, please enquire at the school office.