

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception In EYFS this week we have been calculating sums, sums and more sums. In Maths the children have been using bears, pens, fingers and any object that they could find to visualise adding two groups together to help them work out a variety of addition sums. In Literacy the children have been continuing with their writing task based on the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, writing a list of things that they would pack in their suitcase in their journey to the moon. In art we have made funny alien faces made from 2D shapes and also painted a planet scene using different sized circles for our displays. The children were introduced to four new phonemes this week, y/z/qu/ch and had fun reading the corresponding story and learning the caption actions.

Year 1 This week the children have been finishing their very own adapted chapters for 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. Both classes have taken their ideas about new characters, new settings and new morals and applied them to writing in full, punctuated sentences. Mr Mills has been especially proud of the work produced by the children of Class 3, well done! In Maths the children have been consolidating their understanding of relationships between numbers especially numbers that make bonds. In Phonics both classes have been looking at the digraph "ew" and the different digraphs that make that sound! Roll on next week!

Year 2 In Science this week the children have been exploring different food chains for animals from around the world. They have really enjoyed explaining their learning through diagrams and illustrations. Within Maths they have been exploring money; focusing on the skills of addition, subtraction, fractions and their favourite was combining coins in different ways to make the same given amount. Continuing our exploration of the text 'The Bear' within Literacy, the children have been learning about different sentence types they can use to affect the reader when they come to write their letter in 2 weeks. We are really proud of their hard work and excitement for learning.

Year 3 This week in year 3 we have started our new topic "Children through time". We have started by thinking about how children can have very different experiences and that actually we are very lucky to live where we do. We will be looking at childhood in Tudor and in Victorian times. In maths we have been learning about place value and what the digits mean within a number. We have also been adding and taking away from these numbers. In literacy we have been continuing to learn about myths and legends. We have been learning about using inverted commas to punctuate speech.

Year 4 Year 4 have been fully immersed in writing this week and have written a Viking setting and character description. The children were inspired to write about a bleak and abandoned Viking village after watching an animation called Jotun-A Viking Journey and used a picture of a brutal Viking warrior to stimulate their character work. They have done an amazing job. Here are extracts from two setting pieces by Harrison and Alex.

A crow's wings flapped in the dark and cloudy sky above an abandoned village in the middle of nowhere, as quiet as a library. The mist gently blew like fingers grabbing you. The cliffs surrounded the village menacingly making sure that no one escaped.

The black, sleek ravens swooped down from the misty heavens. Their dark wings stayed strong in the colossal winds of Denmark. Smog coiled around the houses like a snake strangling its prey.

In addition, we have been perfecting grid multiplication in maths and as part of our topic work have learnt more about Viking Longships ready to put the information into a factfile.

Year 5 Once again, Year 5 has thoroughly immersed themselves in the topic 'Rainforests' and text 'The Great Kapok Tree' this week. We have been writing stories about deforestation and the children have been so creative with their sentence structures and their choice of vocabulary. Miss Vickers and I are so proud of the writing that children have produced this week. Well done Year 5! In Maths, we have been the Master Mathematicians, exploring Prime Numbers and Square Numbers, so much fun! We have also been finding out different mental strategies for solving multiplication and division. During our Science topic, 'Living Things and their Habitats', we have learnt how to classify different animals. It is truly an amazing feeling to learn about all the sophisticated Sciences.

Year 6 This week in Year 6 we have been planning a piece of writing based on our text The Watertower. In maths, we have done lots of work on shape and angles - we had lots of fun using protractors! We also learned about tectonic plates and the location of volcanoes and earthquakes. Another bench ball tournament with Year 5 resulted in much excitement!

Music We had a fun first Singing Starz (choir) on Wednesday. It was lovely to meet our new members and welcome back our loyal regulars! We learnt the "Gospel Medley" where we sing three tunes at the same time. The Singing Starz helped to lead it for Singing Assembly and we nailed it!!