

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we are starting to feel very festive! December 1st we arrived at school to discover Maurice the elf had arrived and already started causing mischief by tying up tricky troll in paper chains! We have been busy making and filming our top secret Christmas video and we can't wait to share it with you soon. We have continued to focus on the story of Stickman, retelling it in our own words and making our own stick man stories with our own stickman puppets. We introduced numberblock 8 and created different towers of 8 and we have also learnt the sounds f, ff, l, ll and ss. It has been a very busy but very fun week! Next week we will be focusing on blending and reading words, introducing number 9 and ramping up the Christmas magic! Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Year 1 We started off the week with a letter hunt around the school. Each letter revealed a clue about where the next letter was hidden. This was an exciting way of introducing our new focus text 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. Whilst we are on the topic of Christmas, we have also been making decorations and filming our class Christmas video. We hope you enjoy it! We are beginning to enjoy some festive fun in Year 1 but there is still a lot of learning to fit in before the end of term! Children have been working hard on their Phase 5 sounds in Phonics. This week we have focused on **ie, ue, aw, ew** and **oe**. Why not challenge your child to see if they can show you the caption action for each sound? We have received some wonderful photos of home learning this half term. If children would like to send Christmas cards, they must be brought into school either **Monday 7th December** or **Tuesday 8th December**. Thank you!

Year 2 This week in English, we have been reading more traditional fairy tales and we have identified the features of them. In our spellings, we were adding the suffixes '-ed' and '-ing' to words with short vowels. **In Maths** we have adding 1 digit numbers to 2 digit numbers and looking at patterns, as well as adding 10 more, 10 less and adding and subtracting 10. **In Topic** we have been learning about shields and designing our own and in computing we have been learning how to rate and review a website. We have also had our very exciting 'Castles Day' where we had lots of fun and learning. **Next week** in English we will be reading different kinds of texts (information, poetry and stories) and answering questions to show what we understand. We will be writing letters to Father Christmas **In Maths** we will be **adding and subtracting a two digit and a one digit number by partitioning on a number line. We will also be practising adding numbers in columns.** **In Topic** we will be Comparing life in a castle with our lives today and in D.T we will be making crowns for a banquet.

Year 3 In year 3 this week we have been adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers crossing 10. The children have been using concrete resources to help them and different colours to draw their ones. In English this week the children have finished writing their non-chronological report about the Digestive System. We have also started our new topic of the United Kingdom and talked about the 4 countries that make up the UK. With Mr Puckey this week, the children were learning how to tackle in football and they played a great game of cops and robbers!

Year 4 With Christmas just round the corner both classes are busy practising their performances ready for filming. Class 9 are going 'crackers' while class 10 will be celebrating the traditional Christmas lunch and thinking about the poor old turkeys. In English we have finished writing our witch character descriptions and are now working towards writing a first-person diary recount as Jub from the Lost Happy Endings. In maths we are continuing to use written methods for subtraction whilst in geography we have looked at the differences between human and physical features.

Year 5 WOW! Year 5 have arrived and their destination is success! We have seen a massive improvement in their work! This has a lot to do with their attitudes, confidence to make mistakes and learn from them and deal with difficult themes in our English lessons. The writing this week has blown our socks off (if found, please return to school!). In maths, we have looked at the variation of mixed fractions and their representations. We are stepping it up in PE as we are beginning to analyse and improve our own warm ups over the next 2 weeks. As a recognition of their hard work, we are looking forward to being a bit more festive on the lead up to Christmas! Well done Year 5, keep up the great work!

Year 6 Lots of maths this week, with the fractions work ramping up in difficulty, yet the Year 6's have been utterly incredible, especially as they didn't really cover fractions at all last year! Also this week, we have been writing our chapters for the next chapter of 'A Christmas Carol' and looking at the working conditions for Victorian children (which were absolutely horrific)! Finally, we have finished painting our Andy Warhol inspired images ready for the Christmas performance. Fabulous!

Music The Word of the Week has been Pitch which is how high or low a note is. We have looked at which instruments have higher or lower pitch and why this is (note our link with science here!!). We have been learning the sign language for the first verse and chorus of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. In Y3 and Y4 this week we listened to the Waltz from 'The Nutcracker Suite' by Tchaikovsky. Strictly fans will know that a Waltz is in 3 beats in a bar. We practised rhythms in 3 time using our Charanga rhythm grid. In Y5 we learnt about Glen Miller's music during the 2nd World War. We also learnt about Ivy Benson and her Battle of the Saxes. In Y6 we continued to learn about music in the Victorian Era by investigating the Music Hall. We found out that Jingle Bells was composed during the Victorian Era and as well as improving our performance skills on the glockenspiel, we listened to a recording made in 1898 on a phonograph! Some of our instrumentalists have been performing to their class this week. It is fabulous to see what great progress they are making!