

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week we have really enjoyed reading the story of Beegu – an alien that crash lands on Earth! We have made spaceships for Beegu to help her return to Space and have had a go at writing her a letter. We wonder if Beegu will reply. Our phonics and maths lessons have also started this week. We have learnt the sounds 's' and 'a' and how to correctly write them. Can the children show you the actions for the sounds at home and practise writing them? In maths, we have been exploring shapes. We also enjoyed our second lesson of PE with Mr Puckey. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, so we can start practising changing when we are ready!

Year 1 & Year 2 Year 1 and 2 have had a busy week being stuck into their learning. In English we have been starting to look at the book 'Look up' and using our inference skills to find out more about the main character Rocket. We had to closely at the pictures to find out about what she likes. In Maths, the Year 2 have been building and drawing 2-digit numbers and finding different ways of partitioning them into different parts. Year 1 have been counting forwards and backwards within 10 and finding one more and one less than a number. In PSHE, we have been talking about our feelings and understanding different emotions. We had our first tennis lesson this week and worked hard to control the balls using a racket. We are very excited to have launched Class Dojo this week. Please make sure that you have scanned your child's QR code so that you can share in our learning journey and also access the home learning menu for this half term.

Year 3 It is very exciting in year 3 now that the new term is properly underway and we have started all of our topics. This week we have been out onto the field and recreated Stone Age life. The children worked very hard to build their houses out of branches and animal skins. They went fishing in the river and hunting for animals in the wood. Watching them totally involved in the drama and using their imaginations was amazing. Following this, they wrote about their experience and their writing really shows how much they enjoyed themselves. In our maths lessons, we have continued to learn about place value. The children have impressed us with their ability to split the numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. In our dance lessons with Miss Charlotte, the children have been working hard on their Stone Age dance which is based on music from the film 'The Croods'. Their ideas are fantastic. We are planning on sharing this with you when we have done it.

Year 4 Inference has been the topic of conversation in our English lessons this week. Our class text 'Tuesday' has allowed the students to analyse the thoughts and emotions of the main characters, the frogs, in the book. We have been looking at the different types of maps and their uses in Geography and understanding what the different symbols in ordnance survey maps mean. Our scientists in class have been looking at forces and understanding what causes friction between objects. We are continuing reading our AR books in class and some students have even earned themselves stars for their charts by completing quizzes.

Year 5 In Maths, we have been looking at the linear number system and investigating number lines. We have been working out the values and placing missing numbers in the correct places. We have used our senses in English to add more detail to our sentences and remembered the rules for direct speech when we want to write about what a character is saying. In art, we have been learning about how to draw one point perspective. We are creating street scenes with a vanishing point and once we feel confident with this, we will create our own individual scenes.

Year 6 The children have finished all the baseline assessments and praise is indeed due to them all, they are a real credit to Wheatfields with their maturity and resilience. It is encouraging to see how many reading records are being brought in each day by the children. Reading every-day, will have a positive impact on their learning and evidence of this can be seen in their setting descriptions, they have written this week, by the rich and varied language they have used. Maths has seen us covering a wide range of topics from rounding to negative numbers. Every morning the children work on their Maths fluency independently, this supports the children development of Efficiency, Accuracy and Flexibility within Maths. Congratulations to all the Y6 children for showing such enthusiasm and resourcefulness when carrying out their Y6 jobs. We have received lots of positive comments from members of staff across the school celebrating them.

Music The Word of the Week is Tempo which means the pace or speed of the music. We have been learning Italian terms to describe pace such as Andante and Presto. Tempo is measured in beats per minute using a metronome. Year 3 have learnt how Saint-Saens used instruments to describe a cuckoo in the woods. We played the motif on chime bars. Year 4 appraised the features of The Winner Takes it All by ABBA and continued to learn riffs on the glockenspiel to play along with Mamma Mia. Year 5 began to create layers as an accompaniment to our Camel Driver song using Melody and Chords. We played E minor and B major chords on the glockenspiels. Y6 listened to Rock around the Clock sung by Bill Haley and the Comets. We are pretty good at knowing the structure of the 12 Bar Blues already and can play the C and F chords on the ukulele to accompany 12 Bar Blues songs.

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