## Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** The children have been in full swing with festive cheer this week. They have been role playing in the North Pole reading area in addition to using their skills to create some fantastic toys and decorations in the elves workshop. Alongside this creativity to children have been using their phonic skills to write letters to Father Christmas and Morris Peppermint (the class elf). Within Maths the children have been consolidating their number knowledge by creating their own representations of known numbers. This has been either using resources and objects around the environment or in drawing their own representations. We couldn't be prouder of the enthusiasm the children have shown to access learning throughout the whole environment and in the progress they are making. What a great week Class 1 and 2!

**Year 1** This week Year 1 have had a special visitor in their unit! The Misbehaving Elf, Chippy Peppermint. The children have written all about what he has been up to in Literacy this week. They have looked at what adjectives and verbs do in a sentence and how knowing these types of words have helped them write all about Chippy Peppermint. The children have been counting this week in Maths, backwards by 1 and forwards in 2's and 5's. In phonics this week the children have been revisiting the split vowel digraph sounds and being able to find them in words. In Topic the children have been learning about the Nativity story and why Christians give presents at Christmas time.

Year 2 The last full week of term! This week we have been continuing our science learning and have discovered how food chains work! We have looked at producers and consumers and where they fit in a food chain. We have also learnt about how different living things indirectly work together to make sure life is possible in certain habitats! In Maths this week, Miss Mindham has challenged us by informing both classes they had to solve a mystery by acquiring clues. The only way the children could gather clues however was to use their number knowledge and addition/subtractions skills! In our writing lessons we designed, then made and wrote our own personal Christmas cards. To finish the week we used the ipads to create Christmas photos and learnt about why Christmas is important to Christians!

Year 3 We are so proud of the year 3 children this week. They have worked so hard to sing their hearts out and perform their dance in the Christmas Concert. We have seen them getting more tired as the week has gone on but they have carried on enthusiastically. Thank you to all of them who came back for the evening shows even though it was after some children's bedtimes. In addition this week we have continued with our literacy work on instructions. We have had lots of fun making things and then writing instructions to tell others how to do it. We have also carried on with our topic on the United Kingdom. This week we learnt about the rivers and which seas they flow into. The children really enjoyed using the atlases to find the rivers.

**Year 4** Year 4 have done a fantastic job singing, dancing and acting in our school Christmas production. They children really enjoyed this experience, thank you for coming to support them and sending in the costumes. In maths this week we have been looking at decimals and multiplying and dividing by tens and hundreds. In literacy we have finished writing our persuasive letters to Father Christmas to remind him what Christmas is all about. The children used lots of different features to convince him that Christmas really is a fun time of the year. We had a fun day in science on Friday experimenting and playing with magic snow!

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have been exploring the similarities and differences between homelessness for Shane (Way Home) and Anne Frank. We have looked at describing (using high level vocabulary) the conditions homeless people live in ready for our description of a new character in Way Home. As well as this we have looked at charitable organisations who help the homeless and the work they that do to support those in need. We are proud of the hard work and commitment Year 5 have had towards their learning and performing this week. Well done!

Year 6 Mini enterprise, mini enterprise and more mini enterprise! Preparations have certainly been underway in Year 6, as we 'make and do' ahead of our annual mini enterprise sale. We have definitely felt like Santa's helpers, with lots of creating, cutting, sticking and packaging. You would be right to call us 'crafty students!' This hub of activity has not stopped us for belting out some Christmas songs as we joined the rest of KS2 for our concert. After 4 performances we were certainly ready for a rest at the weekend.

**Music** We have enjoyed performing our 'Christmas Critters' to you this week and we hope you enjoyed watching us! We are now ready for a well deserved rest!