

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been watching with excitement as roots and even a few shoots have started to grow from our beans! We have been keeping a bean diary to record the progress and we are hoping that they will all start to shoot up by next week! We have been learning some songs about growing and talking about the different things that a plant needs to grow. In phonics, we are learning digraphs now and trying to write a little bit every day in some way! In maths, we have been continuing to practise our addition skills; using counters, resources and each other to add amounts together!

Year 1 Year 1 have had a super week of learning. In English, we have been using time words, imperative verbs and adverbs to write instructions for how to make a jam sandwich. In maths, we have been using 'first, then, now' to tell addition stories and writing the equations to match. In science, we have been looking closely at the seeds and beans we planted to see how they are changing. In art, we used our watercolour paints to paint Van Gogh's sunflowers. In PE, we have continued our work on gymnastics and geography we found all about Northern Ireland. In RE we have started looking at the Easter ad in PSHE we have been looking at how to keep ourselves clean.

Year 2 This week has been an exciting week in Year 2! We have become detectives searching for clues and providing evidence in our English lessons. In Maths, we have been learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in different contexts! In History, we learnt about Neil Armstrong's timeline and what happened in his life to allow him to become the first man on the moon. In Geography, we have identified the different climates in the UK and why they are different. We have also read about a boy called Willy who was bullied, we discussed what bullying means and we looked at his transition through the story. Next week, we are looking forward to raising money for Comic Relief and Ukraine!

Year 3 This week has been fantastic in year 3. We have been working incredibly hard on learning our times tables. We have talked about how we can use what we know to help us with harder ones. It would be great if the children could practise at home. Why not try 3 or 4 quick questions on the way to or from school or during the adverts on the TV? In our English lessons, we have been focussing on using quality vocabulary to describe a setting. The children have been trying very hard to think of good words to use to impress the teachers. Our PE lessons were great this week. We have been doing gymnastics recently and this week we moved onto jumping. We jumped off benches and trampettes. The teachers were really pleased with how we focussed on polishing our moves and making sure that we were careful.

Year 4 The children's enthusiasm for gymnastics continued this week: we used the PE horses, trampettes and benches to practice half turns and full turns, pike jumps, tuck jumps and a range of other jumps. The children's safety when putting out the equipment was commendable. The children thoroughly enjoyed discussing and answering our key question 'How dark were the Dark Ages?' and finding out about King Alfred. In PSHE, we are thinking about being part of a community and the responsibilities we have as individuals. We are also exploring the terms Self Confidence, Self Esteem and Self Image and how we can build on our self-belief. We are lucky to welcome Miss Munir to Larch class as a student teacher who will be with us until mid-June.

Year 5 As always, our weekly learning has been amazing because children in Year 5 always give their 100% In English, we have been identifying, collecting and using technical and topical vocabulary in our explanation text. In addition, we have been creating the PAT (P – purpose, A – audience, T – toolkit) board to support us when we are writing our explanation text next week. For maths, we have been looking at efficient methods for solving equations with decimal fractions. Highlight of this week has been Oak class assembly! What a lot of variety of different topics and work!!! We hope parents have enjoyed watching and hearing all about the fantastic learning in Oak class. In few weeks' time, Rowan class will be showcasing their learning in their class assembly and they are very excited about it.

Year 6 **This week, in English**, we were surprised to find on Wednesday that our chairs had all quit! We planned, wrote, edited and improved a persuasive letter to our class chairs in the hope that they would let us use them again (thankfully, they did!). We have continued to read and discuss 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. **This week in Maths**, we have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and consolidating our learning about fractions. Please remember to go onto Mathletics and TT Rockstars regularly to help you consolidate this learning. **In our Topic**, we found out about volcanoes; how they are made and what they do. The children might like to click on this link to find out more. <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/earth/volcano.html> We held our Year group final of the public speaking competition – congratulations to the children who will go forward into the final! **Next week, in English**, we will be using a part of Cosmic to extend our writing skills; we will use a range of punctuation and vocabulary to write a narrative. Please remember to log into Readiwriter to learn Year 6 focus words and spelling patterns. **In Maths**, we will be learning multiply and divide decimals, using what we know about decimal places. The children will benefit from knowing their timetables fluently to get the most out of this learning. **In Topic**, we will be learning about earthquakes and in **science**, we will be able to describe and investigate helpful and harmful microorganisms.

Music The Word of the Week is 'Orchestra'. We have looked at how an orchestra is set out using the 4 main instrument groups. Y6 have started to compose their very own Planets compositions this week and have had some super ideas already. Y5 have started a new unit about Rock Music based on 'Livin' on a Prayer'. Y4 are continuing to learn the recorder and noticed how the

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recorder can be used to play jazz music. Y3 played call and response patterns using junk percussion and started to improvise their own rhythms.