

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week the children have been in awe of our visitor Mr George. They learnt all about his role as a fire fighter in the community and how he helps people in St Ives. The children created a bank of insightful questions to ask him, have written recounts and developed the most creative story lines in their role play. There has been large construction projects outdoors; creating stations, trucks and even some beautiful watercolour paintings have been begun across the environment. In phonics the children have been developing their confidence to apply the sounds they learnt last term to support reading and writing simple words. They have been using metallic pens, chalk, puzzles, phoneme frames and story books to practise these skills and it would be wonderful to see some photos or videos of the children practising their reading and writing at home with you to. Have a wonderful weekend and we shall see everyone for more fun on Monday, the EYFS team.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 the children really enjoyed getting to meet Mr Grinling and this has helped them to sequence the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and are beginning to rewrite the story in their own words. The children have created their own story maps that they have used as a tool to help them write their story. The children have also been looking at adjectives to describe the different characters in the story. In Maths this week the children have been comparing teen numbers and using the mathematical language such as, less than, greater than and equal to. The children have also been drawing the teen numbers in tens and ones which is helping them to write the numbers in their numeral form. In Science this week, the children have been looking at properties of everyday materials and are planning and creating a waterproof umbrella. In Phonics this week, the children have been recapping the split vowel digraphs a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e. The children have been learning these sounds through games and creating their own alien words that include these sounds. The children have continued to develop their hockey skills in PE this week. Next week the children will be adding and subtracting teen numbers and single digit numbers. In English the children will be making changes to the story to begin to create their new story. They will be evaluating their umbrella that they created.

Year 2 This week in our Maths, we have been drawing pictures to group objects to match repeated addition sentences eg $5+5+5=15$ and we have drawn 3 5p coins to match. We have then turned that into a multiplication sentence to match eg $5+5+5 = 5 \times 3$. Next week, we will be applying our 2x, 10x and 5x table facts to problem solving and reasoning activities. Please continue to explore multiplication and division on Mathletics and visit TimesTable RockStars to help your child develop their understanding of these very important areas of learning. In Geography, we have been locating the Arctic and Antarctica on a map, and naming the continents of the world. We have also been finding out about the features of Antarctica and what it might be like to visit or live in. In Science, we have been discussing the features of a penguin and finding out facts. Next week in English we will be finding out about penguins, so that we can write a non-chronological report independently. We will be using noun phrases, questions and adverbs to add to our writing to make it exciting. We have a Maths Curiosity Café on Friday 31st January 9-10am and we really hope that you are able to join us for this time.

Year 3 In year 3 this week, we have seen the light..... and the dark, because that's our new topic in science. Next week we'll be investigating reflectiveness and mirrors. We've also been multiplying! And dividing, in our maths lessons. I wonder how many of our times tables we know already! There will be frequent tables checks, sometimes in the form of games of bingo. It's all been a bit mysterious too as we continue to look at Myths and Legends of the British Isles. In Guided reading next week we'll be exploring The Pedlar's Dream from the Norfolk town of Swaffham. Thank you to everyone who has completed the Counties homework. What a lot of fascinating facts we've learnt, Landmarks we'd like to visit. And what a lot of scrummy things we had to eat too.

Year 4 This week, Year 4 have continued reading the text 'Viking Boy'. We have been word detectives and looked up the meanings of tricky words and have also found evidence in the text to describe Gunnar (Viking Boy). We have retold the story of 'Loki and the Dwarf' through drama, working together in groups to act out a scene each. In maths, we have learnt about factors and multiplying three numbers together. We have continued to learn our Viking dance and have made great progress with dancing in unison!

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have been revisiting our learning. We have continued learning about the Great Kapok Tree in English and are deepening our understanding of factors and positive integers in maths. We have written a non-chronological report about rainforest animals - using our digital literacy skills to help us research knowledge. We have also been learning new skills in hockey, in particular, aiming using the push pass. We loved having the parents come in for our curiosity cafe and hope they enjoyed our maths lesson. Next week we are continuing deeper into the rainforest...

Year 6 This week Year Six have been writing their descriptions of the watertower from the book with the same name. It has fascinated and intrigued the pupils in equal measure. Our Earth and Space topic has seen them design wonderful posters showing each of the planets and their incredible features. Finally in maths we have started to multiply and divide fractions.

Music In Year 6 this week we analysed the features of Venus, Bringer of Peace by Gustav Holst. We learnt how to play one of the motifs on the recorder and collected some features that we can use for our own compositions. In Year 5 we have continued to learn more rhythms on the African djembe drum and have had a go at improvising our own. In Year 4 we have continued to learn about Chopin. We listened to a Nocturne and used musical words to describe the features. We composed our own Nocturnes on the keyboard. In Year 3 we listened to Jamming by Bob Marley and are getting quite good at recognising some of the features of Reggae Music. We played our recorder riff along with the track! Well done, Singing Starz; we are nearly concert ready! One last push to learn any tricky corners you're not sure of. Visit www.youngvoices.co.uk – Music Room – code: YV2020