

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception It has been a week of reflection in EYFS as we have been looking back on the most amazing year at school and choosing our favourite parts in preparation for our report writing. We spoke about all the wonderful things we have taken part in and created a mind map. This included: the Raptor Foundation visit, Numberblock Day, Christmas performance, Hinchbrook Park trip, Class assembly, World Book Day, Sports Day... the list goes on! We have been very impressed with the children's willingness to write and we have noticed an improvement in handwriting more recently. In Maths, we have continued looking at teen numbers and we have been making complex patterns. We had a wonderful forest session this week. We sat in the shade under the trees whilst using our pastels to sketch our surroundings into our Art books.

Year 1 This week in Year 1, we have been reflecting on our very busy and successful year in preparation for report writing! We have been discussing our favourite part of the year, what we have achieved, what we would like to improve and what we look forward to next year. In Maths, we have been partitioning and adding numbers to 20 as well as identifying odd and even numbers. In Science, we have been looking at animal habitats. In D&T this week, we have been learning about axles and wheels. We pushed the axle through the holes in the chassis and attached the wheels. This required teamwork and problem solving. We look forward to designing our animal rescue vehicle next week and writing a book review on the Rainbow fish!

Year 2 This week, Year 2 have been learning all about position and direction in Maths. They have learnt: how to use a compass; how to read a map and a key; what some OS map symbols stand for (e.g. what the OS symbol for a campsite is and a school) and they have also had a go at drawing a simple map of their classroom. We wonder if they could draw maps of different rooms in their house? In writing, we have been completing our review of 'My Year in Year 2' ready to be included in their reports. In PE we have been practising relay races and we have also planned how we will conduct our fieldwork investigation in Geography next week. Finally, we learnt how to write our names in Arabic – the same language that the holy Qu'ran is written in, as we are learning about Islam in R.E. It has been a very exciting week!

Year 3 Year 3 have been working very hard this week again. We have been writing our stories in the style of Escape From Pompeii. The children have worked really hard to include lots of information about what life was like in Pompeii as well as developing their ideas for their story. We are very impressed by their vocabulary choices for describing how Mount Vesuvius erupted. Many of the children have also been trying hard to use adverbs and inverted commas too. In maths, we have been continuing to learn about telling the time. Many of the children are getting more confident with telling the time on analogue clocks. However, they need lots of practise in order to embed it. Please can you keep asking them the time at home or talking about what time it is? This is really helpful – thank you. In our science lessons, we have been learning about rocks. Can you believe that our year 3 children can discuss how different types of rocks are formed? You can ask them about igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. We have some budding geologists in the year group.

Year 4 Year 4 has been a little bit different this week. Monday and Tuesday saw the children busily preparing for their poetry performances in front of Year 2. They showed such imagination, rhythm, team work and confidence not only when writing their amazing poems but adding actions and sound effects to them and working in such a mature fashion. Year two were enthralled with the performances as were the staff that were lucky enough to watch. We were all very proud of the children for putting themselves out of their comfort zone and trying something new. On Wednesday morning we waved good-bye to some of the Year 4's who left for their residential trip to Thorpe Woodland whilst the remaining children started their exciting week of activities. The staff reported that the children at Thorpe are exhausted, and a bit smelly, but have thoroughly enjoyed their time away. The remaining children have had a fantastic time enjoying a delicious picnic and a day at Grafham Water doing archery and climbing crate towers.

Year 5 This week, Year 5 have been doing Bikeability. In this programme, children had to ride their bike proficiently but also make safe choices when out and about on the road. Their first day was in the school, where they rode their bikes, turning it around and understanding how to be safe whilst on the road. After, children have spent two day practising their skills in the local vicinity with their Bikeability tutors. Their fourth day has been their test day, where the tutors had observed children's decision-making skills on the road. Tutors from Bikeability have been full of positive feedback about how well Year 5 have done. Mr Sanderson and I are very proud of all the children who went out and persevered.

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Year 6 We've had yet another fast paced week! In English, we have been researching our Greek gods: Zeus the god of the skies, what a god he was! Hades and Poseidon were his brothers did you know wife Hera was also his sister. In Maths, we have been finding out about negative numbers (phew) Our afternoons have been taken up with our talent show (but we can't tell you any more than that as it's a secret) shhhhh. What we can say is you are in for a treat.

Music For the Word of the Week we have revised some of our previous terms by describing how a piece of music has been played. In Y6, we practised our production songs and started to learn the Samba Funk rhythm pattern. In Y5, Rowan class sang African songs and practised compound time signatures. Y3 continued to learn Use Your Imagination and listened and responded to a song in Disco genre. We also practised phrases using BAG on our recorders. Y4 were out on their trips!