

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week had a spooky start as it was Halloween. We all enjoyed the special Halloween lunch which Mrs Forest prepared for us and telling each other about our creepy costumes. Also in EYFS this week we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We have been learning a dance routine which we have all been very enthusiastic about, especially the teachers, as well as creating decorated elephants, Rangoli patterns and listening to the story about Rama and Sita. The 'Festival of Light' finishes with a spectacular firework display which we hope we may get a chance to see this weekend as it Bonfire Night.

Year 1 We loved doing Maths this week because we learnt about place value. We used deans and we liked counting in tens. We loved our PE lesson because Mr. Mills taught us bench ball in Class 3. We liked learning about fireworks and we are looking forward to writing our firework poems! Written by Class 3

Year 2 Year 2 have come back full of beans and ready to learn. In Literacy this half term we will be looking at the news and newspapers. We have been exploring the different features and writing headlines to match different photographs. In Maths we have been using arrays to help us understand multiplication, in Year 2 the children are expected to learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by heart. In topic we have been finding out about the different parts of a castle in preparation for Mountfitchet. A quick reminder about our school trip on Monday: the children need to wear school uniform but can wear trainers, walking boots or wellies as it can be a bit muddy. We will be outside all day (apart from lunch) so a warm coat is highly recommended.

Year 3 In Year 3 we are really pleased with how well the children have returned from their half term break. They are very settled and ready to work hard. In Maths we have been learning about telling the time. The children have been revising telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour. They have also been converting into digital time too. In Literacy, the children have really impressed us with their ability to use fronted adverbials. They have remembered from before half term and are trying to use them in writing. We have enjoyed having a science focus this week. The children are investigating the effects that different drinks have on teeth. We are using hard boiled eggs so that we can observe what happens to the shells. It is very exciting!

Year 4 Year 4 have had an investigative week back at school. We have been experimenting with musical instruments to explore pitch and volume. We have used different materials to understand how to best muffle sound and keep a room soundproof. In Maths, we have been learning how to convert centimetres into millimetres and have been measuring objects.

Year 5 Welcome back Year 5! We are looking forward to our trip to Duxford next week, in preparation we have been exploring World War 2 poetry, looking at the features and languages used at the time. In Maths we have been looking at factors and multiples. Together we have identified how a number is a multiple and why. Finally this week we have finished our model Anderson Shelter.

Year 6 This half term has started off really well in Year 6 with everyone having a very positive attitude and working hard. We have been learning how to use a written method to multiply by one and two digit numbers. Miss. Elliott and Dr. Tape have been so impressed by how well everyone has been able to grasp this tricky concept! In Literacy, we have started a new text - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens and, having read the first few chapters together, we are all in agreement about what a thoroughly nasty person the main character is! We are reminding ourselves of our knowledge of persuasive writing to enable us to write a letter in role to Scrooge next week. We also started a new unit of work in Art based on the artist Andy Warhol and we will be producing a piece of work in his style - so watch this space! All in all, yet another busy week!

Music What a fantastic start to the next half term! We have made good use of our 'Imagining' learning theme this week. Y6 have created completely original 12 Bar Blues songs and have created arrangements which we filmed. Y5 learnt about Ivy Benson and her all-girl band and also created a whole class arrangement for 'Run Rabbit Run' to round off their topic about WW2. Y4 have been learning about ABBA and even played along to Mamma Mia on the recorder! Y3 worked in groups to create a graphic score and compose their own underwater music based on Saint-Saens' 'Aquarium' from The Carnival of the Animals.

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Singing Starz -please learn those dance moves! Any remaining ticket and t-shirt orders need to be handed in next week at the very latest.