

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been busy sharing our fabulous home learning projects; it has been lovely to see so many different projects, from posters and video recordings to stories and models. On Tuesday it was Safer Internet day so we talked about the SMART code and ways to keep safe online. In maths we have introduced 8, 9 and 10 with the numberblocks and talked about the composition of these numbers. We will continue to think about ways to make 10 after half term and introducing more addition and subtraction skills within 10. After half term we will be starting our new topic 'green fingers' and thinking about signs of Spring and growing, starting with the book 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We will be planting and gardening in both forest school and the outdoor area so would really appreciate any donations of soil or easy to care for plants. We hope you have a lovely, restful half term!

Year 1 Year 1 have been working hard and are ready for half term. In English we have been writing our own stories based on 'Cops and Robbers' we have been using adjectives to enhance our writing. In maths we have been partitioning our numbers to 10 and finding out lots of different ways to make them. In science we have finished our work on materials and had a go at making our own waterproof umbrellas. In art we finished our water colouring paintings by adding silhouettes. We wrote about Grace Darling in our history lessons. We celebrated 'Safer Internet Day' by thinking about what we do and don't share online and how well we know people online.

Year 2 This week Year 2 have been writing their own non-chronological reports about Polar Bears or Penguins. They have chosen different, interesting ways to start their sentences and have been putting all of their handwriting practise into action! We are looking forward to reading their final pieces on Friday. In maths, we have been learning about repeated addition. The children have been looking at groups of numbers – e.g. 3 groups of 2 cakes – and then writing that out as an expression – $2 + 2 + 2$. And we have finally wrapped up our wonderful topic about the polar regions, learning about how shipwrecks can be microhabitats for plants and animals under the sea and also thinking about what we would save from our sinking ship. We are really interested to follow the progress of Endurance 22 – the group of scientists who set sail on Saturday 4th February 2022 to try and find the shipwreck of the Endurance ship in Antarctica from 1915. We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to continuing our learning when we return.

Year 3 This week we have been very excited by our writing. We have been writing our stories in the style of Johnny Gloke. The children enjoyed creating their own characters last week and this week they have loved writing the characters into their stories. The children are choosing more adventurous vocabulary and trying to make their writing more interesting for their reader. The stories are fantastic. In maths we have been continuing to use the column method. It has been much more challenging this week as we have been subtracting. Lots of the children have picked it up really well. We will be continuing to work on this and applying it to word problems. In topic this week we have been learning about Islam. Our focus has been to learn about the importance of prayer in Islam. We have learned lots of new words linked to this topic. Why not ask us about it?

Year 4 The week before half term can often find the children tired and ready for their break but wow, Year 4 have continued to work to the best of their ability right up to the final hour! Their writing has impressed the teachers once again: their use of varied sentence starters, exciting vocabulary and their focus has been brilliant. In RE, the children have been compiling fact files from information they acquired from the internet, on Christian Saints and Patron Saints and learning what makes someone a Saint.

Tuesday was Internet Safety Day and, as a school, we all took part in lessons which encouraged discussion around how to stay safe on the Internet. Year 4 were very confident with what they needed to do to stay safe online and were happy to share their knowledge. We would encourage all adults at home to talk with their children about what they do online and to monitor their usage and what they are accessing.

Year 5 This week, we have been preparing to and writing our descriptive narrative set in the Blitz in English. In maths, we have done some assessments and have worked on multiplying by tenths and hundredths. We asked the questions, 'Where is the self?' and 'Is the universe infinite?' in philosophy. And, most importantly, we have recorded our final performances in street dance!

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Year 6 This week, in English, we have written 'the missing part' of The Watertower by Gary Crew – we created a whole new scene that could be about a picture without words from the text. We have all really enjoyed diving into this sci-fi text. **This week in Maths** we have been continuing to work on our algebra skills and we challenged ourselves with 2-step problems. The children have all impressed us with their reasoning skills and they are showing us their working out. **In our Topic**, we have been learning about Day and Night. Our discussions on **Safer Internet Day** were thought provoking and we hope the children all gained some good guidance. Please take this opportunity to talk to your child about the importance of keeping safe when they are playing games online. **After half term in English**, we will dive into a book that the children may already be familiar with – 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We hope they will all be inspired writers. Please remember to log into Readwriter – by now, children should all be able to accurately spell all the Y3/4 and many Y5/6 spelling words, along with our new spelling patterns that we have learnt over the half term. **In Maths**, we will be exploring units of measure. Children should please log into Mathletics and TTRS regularly to help consolidate your learning. In **Topic**, we will continue to explore Earth and Space.

Music The Word of the Week is 'Interval' which is the difference in pitch between two notes. This week in **Y6** we investigated chords using the triad. By knowing each triad uses notes 1, 3 and 5 from the scale we can work out the notes in the C, F and G chords. We then found out how to play these on the keyboard and worked out how many of the same chord we can find. We also used the voice function on the keyboards to find sounds that Holst used in Venus, the Bringer of Peace. In **Y5** we continued to learn the song, 'Little Brown Jug' and worked out how to play it on the keyboard. We changed the melody using inter-related dimensions to create a Theme and Variations structure. In **Y4** we finished our Chopin topic by listening and appraising the 'Minute Waltz' which some people will know from the Radio 4 programme, 'Just a Minute'. We revised what we have learnt throughout the term. In **Y3** we listened and appraised 'Ram Goat Liver', a reggae song by Pluto Shervington. We used glockenspiels to compose our own AABA riff to accompany 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. Children can access our online music scheme, Charanga. If they have forgotten their login details please email music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk