

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception It has been a very exciting return to school this week! We spent the beginning of the week thinking about questions to ask the Raptor Foundation when they visited and we came up with some SUPER ones! It was so exciting to have the birds, Raptor centre visit us, and the children wowed us all with their sitting, engagement and enthusiasm throughout! We have also been thinking about fireworks and Diwali, talking about how different families celebrate at different times of the year. We have been creating some beautiful firework pictures and took part in a fun firework PE session where we pretended to be different fireworks, whooshing and banging around the room. Next week we are looking forward to Number block day on Tuesday as well as continuing to learn about owls and birds.

Year 1 Year 1 have come back full of beans and very excited to learn. In English, we have been looking at question marks and question words ready for the visit from the Raptor Foundation. We have been working hard on starting our sentences with a capital letters, leaving a finger space in between words and putting a question mark at the end. In maths we have been using $< > =$ to compare numbers and using the Numberblocks Blockzilla to help us, we have learnt that the big number goes at the big end and the smaller number goes at the small end. In science, we have started our work on the human body and in art we have started our drawing unit by looking at different pencil skills. In RE we have created Diwali lamps out of clay and have been finding out about the Festival of Light.

Year 2 Have you looked outside your window? Have you seen the mysterious creatures lurking in handbags and sweet jars? They would be our dragons that we have created this week! Our new book is called The Dragon Machine, where we have met our new friend George. He wrote us a letter with instructions on how to make his dragon machine. We are looking forward to learning about instructions. In maths this week, we have focused our attention on adding three numbers together. And in case you haven't heard, we went to Mountfitchet to kick start our new topic on Castles! We had a fantastic day and cannot wait to continue learning. Next week, we are participating in Maths week and looking at 2D shapes.

Year 3 Year 3 have come back from their half term break ready to learn and have really impressed us this week. We have been adding and subtracting bridging 100 this week and they have become much more confident with doing this. In our English lessons, we have started a new unit all about non-chronological reports. This week we have got to grips with what this means. We have looked at the features and read a range of texts. Our science has been fantastic this week. We have been investigating the effects that different drinks have on our teeth. We don't have a set of teeth to use so we are using hard boiled eggs because egg shells are made of a similar substance to the enamel that teeth are made of. We have put eggs into orange juice, milk, water and cola. We have checked every day to see what changes have happened. It is very egg-citing! It is important to make sure that the test is fair so we talked about the things that have to be kept the same in each cup. We predicted the results and we are waiting to see if we were right. You can ask us about our results next week.

Year 4 We have dived into our new text this week 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. The children have been making predictions about the story and sharing them with their class, they had some imaginative ideas! RE continued to explore and discuss Judaism with a focus on The 10 Commandments, Passover and the Torah. The children were asked to think of their own commandment and food that reminds them of home, inspired by the Passover meal, after a class discussion. Maths saw the children using their knowledge of place value to estimate and round four-digit numbers.

Year 5 What a busy week this week has been! Has it really only been 5 days since we came back after half term? We have been have a cross curricular week focusing on the Ancient Egyptian custom of mummification. We started by learning about their beliefs about the Afterlife and that led us to think about which of our own possessions we would want to take with us. Then we had a go at mummification ourselves – don't worry we didn't use a dead body; we used a tomato! Now we have lots of them in our classroom hopefully slowly mummifying! Once we were clear about all that, then we started to think about the features of instructions so that we could write our own about what we did. We started off by having a go at explaining to our partner how to draw a certain picture – it didn't always go perfectly! However, we were then able to work out what makes instructions work better! Finally, so that we could write our own next week, we learned about time and manner adverbials. Like we said, it's been a busy one!!

Year 6 This week, in English, we read parts of the book 'Street Child' and wrote paragraphs to retell parts of the story as a narrative. We learnt how to spell words ending in **-able**. Please remember to go onto Readwriter each week. **This week in Maths** we learnt how to simplify and find equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Your child may find this link helpful <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgq93j6> **In our Topic**, we learnt about the life of Queen Victoria and wrote a fact file about her. In Art, we started learning about influential designer, William Morris. **Next week, in English** we will continue to read parts of the book 'Street Child', word gather and write paragraphs to retell the story as a narrative. We will be learning how to spell words ending in **-able** when the root word ends with **-e**. **In Maths** we will be adding and subtracting fractions, including with mixed numbers and different denominators. We will also be looking at maths used within Victorian times, as it is Maths Week next week! **In Topic** we will be learning about the differences between rich and poor Victorian homes. We will also be learning about art in the Victorian era.

Music The Word of the Week is 'Pitch' which is the measure of high and low notes. We are getting to know how pitch is organised using scales and notation. We are learning how to sing pitch accurately using intervals. All year groups have started to learn their songs for Christmas! It is so good to be able to sing this year! We think about all the processes involved to create a good sound such as good posture, clear diction and feeling where the sound is in our bodies. We also think about how our memory works when we are trying to remember song words. The children are so much better at learning words than Mrs Merson!!