

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have continued to learn about the Emergency services and people who help us; we have talked about the different equipment they need and thought of questions to send to a local police officer. In Maths we have introduced 3d shapes and been looking for them within the environment. We have also been talking about how to keep our teeth healthy and why it is important. We know that many of our EYFS children and families have been learning from home this week and we are so proud of you all for your resilience and hard work at home. We hope if you were poorly you have a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Year 1 Year 1 have been busy again this week. In maths we have been looking at 2D shapes, we named them and found out their properties. In English we have written a question that we would like to ask a Police Officer, we have also written a fact file about one of the emergency services. In Art we have been exploring cold colours and in science we have been describing the properties of different materials. In History we got hands on with artefacts to find out what life would have been like for Grace Darling. In RE we have continued to look at religious buildings and the people who worship there.

Year 2 This week we are starting to learn about our new text, but we can't give away the title yet as we are investigating what the book could be about! In maths, we have been working together to present our ideas on short and long subtraction (using partitioning), using an abacus and coming up with entertaining stories about our equations! We are continuing to practice our dribbling skills in PE. In Geography we are comparing human and physical geography between St Ives and the Esperanza base in Antarctica. Next week, we are looking forward to finding out about our story!

Year 3 This week in Year 3, we have been looking at shapes and how we can use other shapes to make shapes. We did this with a hexagon and we found out that you can make a hexagon with 6 triangles, 2 trapeziums and 3 squares. The children have also investigated how to make shapes when joining a right-angled shape together and we have looked at the words obtuse and acute. In English this week, we created a storyboard to help us remember the legend of Johnny Gloke. At the start of the week we wrote questions that we would like to ask Johnny Gloke, we then later hot seated some of the children to ask those questions. In PE this week, we looked at the skill dribbling and our focus sport was football. The children also looked at sketching in Art, looking particularly at the shades that different pencils create.

Year 4 Do you know the types of power that are renewable and non-renewable? Year 4 have been investigating the different ways energy can be produced in their science lessons. PSHE this week is continuing to explore the subjects covered in the fantastic visit from the Life Education Bus last week. We have spent time discussing how to keep safe around medicines and how to keep our bodies balanced and healthy and shared things that could affect that balance. The children were very knowledgeable and took this lesson very seriously. There are lots of ways to support your child learning their times tables; listening to songs that can be found on the internet, writing them out with colourful pens or being rewarded for getting them right and having a good try. This week we have been focussing on our 6 times tables.

Year 5 Another great week in Year 5. We have been planning our 'settings description' writing using all the knowledge that we have gained over the last two weeks. In maths, we have been learning about calculating the area of rectilinear shapes. The story of Buddha is fascinating and Buddha wanted to see things out of his comfort zone. It was his way explaining to others that life is not perfect. Well done Year 5. You are all amazing!

Year 6 **This week, in English**, we continued to closely examine the story 'The Watertower' and we found out how the author Gary Crew created a sense of suspense and tension throughout this mystery story. We have been developing our understanding of the use of similes, metaphors and personification. **This week in Maths** we have been investigating and calculating the areas of shape including compound shapes. Children found that knowing their times table facts as well as being able to add mentally was really helpful to them. **In our Topic**, we have been looking at scale and the distance of the planets from the Sun. **Next week in English**, we will think more about the about the main characters in our story, Spike Trotter and Bubba D'Angelo. We will write exciting character descriptions. **In Art**, we will be creating a self-portrait in the style of LS Lowry and in our **Topic**, we will be learning about the movement of the sun, moon and Earth. **Thank you** to everyone who has already sent in Home Learning projects. It's great to see how excited and engaged the children are about their learning. Don't forget our deadline is 28th January 2022.

Music The Word of the Week is Structure which is how a piece of music is organised.

In Year 6 we investigated how to compose music in 5/4 time as in Mars from the Planet Suite.

In Year 5 we thought about the chromatic scale and used it to create siren sounds on the keyboard.

In Year 4 we continued learning about Chopin. This week we listened to Valse Brillante and composed our own Waltz in ¾ time.

In Year 3 we didn't have any internet this week so we practised singing Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and practised our glockenspiel riffs.

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