

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception The children have been exploring farming this week in readiness to celebrate Harvest. They have explored how the different foods we eat are grown in addition to the different types of jobs that need to be done on the farm. They even began discussing which types of jobs they would like to do if they were helping the farmer. In phonics this week the children have begun learning their first sounds which are in your home learning books to practise at home. We couldn't be prouder of the enthusiasm and learning attitudes they have shown within Phonics this week. What a great team! Next week we will continue our harvest celebrations by reading the traditional tale Little Red Hen. In Maths the children have been trying to continue their recognition work in number. They are all challenging themselves to learn new numbers in relation to their individual progress. Please do continue to try and spot numbers at home or on your walk to school.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we practised retelling the story of Traction Man using the pictures from the book; we talked about how to structure our sentences and then did some writing independently using our best lead in and outs! In Maths we have been practising to partition teen numbers into 10's and some 1's using partitioning bubbles. In Phonics we learnt two new sounds 'ew' and 'u-e' – it would be great if you could find some words with these sounds at home. The children have been busy using their hands to paint some well-known characters for their PAWS Christmas Cards – look out for these designs when they come home to you in a few weeks time!

Year 2 We have started our letter writing! To do this we have been practising our capital letters again. Where do they go? When do we use them? What do they look like? We have also have attempted a new technique in our efforts to use full stops correctly. We have begun to use Rainbow writing! Maybe your child will be able to explain what this is? In Maths we have begun to use our knowledge of number to tackle addition calculations using the part-part-whole bar method! We have also sent out our audition lines for all children in Year Two who wish to audition this Friday for the Xmas Production. Good luck to all of those who take the audition!

Year 3 This week we have had the most amazing week in Year 3. At the beginning of the week the children learnt all about harvest and they took the lead with the harvest Festival. We all thought about what we are thankful for both in school and at home. We talked about the importance of being grateful for what we have instead of always wanting more. Lots of the children wanted to stand up and read during the Harvest Festival - they did so well and made the teachers very proud. As well as that, we have been publishers. We came to school on Thursday in our work clothes ready to work like publishers would in an office. The children worked extremely hard to produce their own story books based on the book Stone Age Boy. The atmosphere in the classroom was brilliant as the children busied themselves with their work. The end results are fantastic. Wow! What a full week!

Year 4 Once again Year 4 have been working hard and have really started to stretch their brains. In Maths we have been continuing our work on multiplication by looking at the grid method. We have been multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have then put our new skills to good use by solving a variety of word problems and challenges. In Literacy we had been exploring the tale of Hansel and Gretel, we really enjoyed getting into character by interviewing each other as different characters from the story. We also compared the witches from this story and the Lost Happy Endings to see what the similarities and differences are. In science we have continued to explore how sound travels and investigated our string telephones by seeing if the vibrations would still travel with knots and pegs on the string. For our art topic this term we have looked at The Scream and changed the mood of the paintings by looking at the colours used and creating our own versions.

Year 5 Assessments, quizzes or tests - nothing phases our resilient Year 5s! We are very proud of the children's mature attitudes this week and how well everyone has coped with last minute changes. On top of that, we have continued to broaden and deepen our knowledge of World War 2 which has helped us with our writing. Year 5 are in the middle of planning their newspapers reports. We are transforming ourselves from ordinary bystanders to ruthless reporters as we seek out the truth behind the mysterious disappearance of Rose Blanche...

Year 6 We were glad to be back together as a team and have been very busy in Year 6. Science was at the forefront of our learning this week as we revisited electric circuits and experiment with ice cubes! Wearing our scientific hats we questioned answers and proved / disproved our own theories! It was a lot of fun! Our recording of the results of the ice cube experiment linked in nicely with our Mathematics work as we plotted the results on a line graph. Continuing with Maths, we have been reminded of the features of line graphs and spent time reading and interpreting information presented. A line graph depicting a cycle ride from London to Brighton lead to in depth discussions in response to questions posed. Who would have thought it could be tricky to distinguish between instruction and explanation texts but it was! We have been tongue tied trying hard not to give instructions on how to use a mechanical pencil sharpener, rather an explanation of how it works. In PE we used all the skills we have learned this half term as we played our first game of tag rugby. The most challenging aspect for some of us was remembering to pass the ball backwards!

Music In Music this week our Y6 pupils practised their three chords on the Ukulele for the 12 bar blues. There is a particularly tricky corner going from line 2 to line 3 where we have to change from C to G to F and back to C again! We started to learn Hard Time Blues and thought about how Blues music originated and has developed over time. Y5 have had a complete contrast this week and have moved onto the swing music of Glenn Miller. We have a song about Glenn Miller which we can sing in three parts! In Y4 we have learnt about Beethoven's Eroica Symphony; how he originally dedicated it to Napoleon but later removed it. We practised beating 3 beats in a bar. In Y3 we practised our new note, A on the recorder. We listened to The Aquarium by Saint-Saens and thought about how he described fish using tempo, dynamics, pitch and timbre. Year 3 are fantastic at using musical vocabulary!