

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been so busy getting ready for Nativity by practicing our songs, getting changed and finding our positions on stage. We are so proud of the children for learning all the lines and actions so well! What superstars! In Phonics we have been practicing recognizing our final single sounds j v w x y z and reading simple cvc captions. Please continue to practise the sounds at home and have a go at the correct pre-cursive letter formation.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been busy practicing our play ready for next week. We have been recapping our split vowel digraphs in Phonics and spotting them in words in different text types. In Literacy we have finished our non-chronological report ready to be sent to Father Christmas next week. The children have also started to look at writing their Christmas list to Father Christmas in preparation for the next book that focuses on writing persuasive letters. In Maths we have been looking at writing number sentences using addition. Year 1 have also had a decoration day where they went around Key Stage 1 making lots of different Christmas decorations.

Year 2 One step closer to Christmas! This week the children have been learning lots about different kinds of word types. They have explored adjectives, verbs, nouns as well as adverbs and used them to write instructional sentences. They also practised their chronological ordering understanding and then used their editing skills to determine whether they had used these different word types/skills in their instructional sentences. In Maths the children have been continuing their learning of tens and ones but through the medium of coins. They have identify/recognised coins and then have begun to explore the relationship between the value of coins and tens/ones. On Tuesday the whole Key Stage participated in Decoration Day. The children made snowmen, elves, Christmas trees and crowns in order to decorate the lower school in preparation for Christmas! A quick reminder that the Key Stage One production is next week. Please contact the office if you would like to secure tickets for the shows!

Year 3 STOP! LOOK! READ! Year 3 has been a very bossy place this week as we have been exploring instructional writing and in particular imperative verbs. We've been reading instructions, understanding instructions, following instructions and hopefully getting ready to write our own... instructions! Maths has been all about different strategies to solve multiplication and division problems, both mentally and with apparatus. We've also brought PE into our Maths lessons by dividing the class into different sized groups and seeing who will be our remainders. Talking of PE, our netball skills are getting better and better with the help of our sports coaches. Thank you to everyone who, if they can, are leaving their earrings at home on PE days. We always try to go outside so we'll need warm PE kit too.

Year 4 Year 4 have written some fantastic instructions for Father Christmas reminding him of all the things that he needs to do before he delivers the presents. We have moved on to looking at persuasive writing and have written a letter to Father Christmas telling him why we deserve the presents we want. In Maths we have been looking at fractions and have been finding equivalent fractions, we have found that knowing our times tables really helps! In Geography we have been fact finding about a European country ready to write our fact files. We have loved looking at the different flag of Europe and finding out which country we belong to. We have been practising our songs and poem ready for the Christmas production - don't forget to send in your costumes next week.

Year 5 Whirring, tossing, turning, noises? Doctor, Doctor! I think we have travelled back in time! Year 5 travelled back in time to 1944, the year towards the end of World War 2. The children were given new identities, were evacuated to a school basement, made Christmas decorations with whatever they could find, had a 1940s style dance (with each other, holding hands!), made their games and finally had a rationed feast to conclude the day! We don't know how we found the time to fit in our multiples lesson and writing a character description! Well done Year 5 for managing your distractions and making this week meaningful for your learning!

Year 6 It's been business as usual in Year 6! We have been getting to grips with square and cubed metric units as we consolidated our knowledge of area and volume of 2D and 3D shapes, respectively. Again, those all-important times tables featured in our calculations, reinforcing the need for us to know them! In Literacy we have taken the pen from Dickens as we write our own chapter of the final visit by the 'ghost of Christmas to come.' We had to write a 'sneaky' character description. This was tricky, as we had to write about the character without actually writing about the character! Teamwork was the order of the day, as we worked together on the various parts that will be our Christmas display. Thank you to Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Cutbush for being so creative and Mr. Sanderson, for being an amazing artist. The theme of teamwork continued as we also worked together in our classes to produce a display depicting working conditions for children in Victorian times. So much to do, so little time...

Music Well done to the Singing Starz and Wednesday Boys for singing so beautifully to open the Christmas Fayre last Friday! We are all doing really well with our songs for the Christmas shows and are thinking a lot about how we memorise words - we've all got different techniques! We have also thought a lot about our performance skills such as conveying the meaning of the words and using facial expressions and actions to engage our audience.