

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been continuing with our story-telling topic and thinking of character descriptions for the big bad wolf! The children have been wowing us with their storytelling and have had a go at writing their own independently. In Maths we have been thinking about teen numbers and partitioning them into a ten and ... many more. In Forest School we have been making houses for the forest fairies and, on Wednesday, the children showed great resilience and good humour as we were caught in the downpour! Thank you for sending in the shoe boxes with your child, we will be turning them into story scenes over the next few weeks.

Year 1 Though it has been a shorter week for the Year 1 children, they have been very busy writing about Bog Baby using lots of adjectives and the prefix un-. In Maths, we have looked at using directional language to describe the movement of an object when it changes direction including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns. In Phonics, the children were practising their trigraphs, mainly 'air', 'are', and 'ear' and looking at alternative pronunciations. We have enjoyed creating our Spring artwork using Pointillism which we will be adding to next week. In Computing, the classes have begun to experiment with programming toys, including B-Bots on the iPads.

Year 2 This week in Year 2, in our English, we have been learning how to create words using the prefix un (eg untidy, unbutton) and the suffixes er and est (eg tall, taller, tallest). We will be using some of these new words in our story writing in the next few weeks. In Maths, we have been measuring in ml and l, and we have been investigating and identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We know that some shapes have vertices (corners) sides, faces, edges and surfaces. Can you find some 3D shapes in your home and talk about the properties? In our Topic, we have planted seeds. Let's hope for some sunshine to help them grow!

Year 3 It was the week Year 3 have been waiting for! It finally arrived! Yes! We have started our topic on the Romans. We have started to read and discuss our new text 'Escape From Pompeii'. The book tells the story of Tranio and Livia who managed to escape from Pompeii as Vesuvius erupted. We are already learning so much about life in Roman times. In Maths we have been learning about data handling. We have created tally charts and graphs. We have also been answering questions based on charts and graphs. In our athletics lessons this week we did some running. We talked about the difference between running short and long distances and the importance of pace when running longer distances. The children ran laps of the field. Their focus was to pace themselves so that they could keep running all of the way round.

Year 4 Year 4 have been looking closely at the characters and actions in the Iron Man and using our Year 4 writing skills to describe the Iron Man. In Maths we have been exploring parallel and perpendicular lines as well as discovering different quadrilaterals. We have been looking at the different properties of these shapes and how we can describe them using mathematical vocabulary. In Science we have been finding out about the effects of friction by testing different materials. Our science challenge for this half term is to design and build the slowest marble run using our knowledge of friction. The children will be making these on Wednesday and there will be prizes for the slowest design and most creative design.

Year 5 You would think with a shorter week less work would be done... not in Year 5! Our brains have been working overtime, our hands have been furiously typing and writing and our partnership skills have been turned up to 11! Year 5 have published our non-chronological reports that have been proudly displayed in the unit, therefore we are moving onto explanation texts using cause and effect conjunctions. In Maths we are starting to turn our attention towards decimals and percentages. We have also been designing our posters about the energy challenge!

Year 6 Whilst we have continued to be busy, using every available minute to tie up loose ends, we are looking beyond the SATS! Miss Elliott has been looking at scripts, which can only mean one thing - our production! What will it be? What part will I play in it? All will be revealed in the coming weeks. Our Year 6 team have asked that you pamper us more than usual this weekend, lots of rest and relaxation and no late nights. Whilst SATS are but a snapshot of what we are capable of, we have all worked hard since September and so are going to give our best to all the assessments.

Music In Year 3 this week we learnt about the clarinet and were really pleased that a few children in Year 3 have recently started to learn the clarinet with Mr Milgate! We started learning a new piece on the recorder – the children can find these pieces on Charanga! We have been learning more about the chromatic scale and staccato notes in Year 4. We had a go at playing a chromatic scale like the one we heard in Samuel Goldenberg from Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. In Year 5 we have continued to learn about Rock Music. This week we listened to and appraised 'Smoke on the Water'. We started to improvise music to accompany 'Livin' on a Prayer'. In Y6 we had our first Samba lesson and we were brilliant! We are already playing a polyrhythmic groove with introduction and ending after only one lesson!!