

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week the children have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes. We have been exploring everyday items that we have that are 2D shapes as well as then trying to use lollipop sticks to make some of our own representation of these shapes. We have also been adding new sounds to our phonics knowledge. The sounds we have learnt this week are l, n, m and d. Why not explore things around your home that might begin with these sounds and see which is the most popular. In forest school the children have been investigating the plants and trees that are in our forest. They have also explored the things they can learn in forest school such as tree climbing or trying to balance on the tightrope. They have all had great fun. Lastly, we hope you enjoyed the children's homemade bread. They learnt about the importance of harvest and how wheat is turned into flour. They then observed the changes from ingredients to dough and then into bread. They were all fascinated and felt great pride in their finished loaves.

Year 1 Year 1 have been looking at colourful capital letters, sticky full stops and fabulous finger spaces in our English lesson this week. We have been looking at how we use punctuation when we write sentences. In maths we have been looking at addition and how we can write the same number sentence in different ways e.g. $3+4=7$, $4+3=7$, $7=3+4$, $7=4+3$ we have using build it and draw it to help us understand this. In science we have been looking at the life cycle of a frog and a fish to find out what is different. We have created some beautiful rainbow fish art. As long as the weather is dry we will be doing PE outside so if you would like to send in a named pair of joggers or leggings for your child to put in their PE bag that would be great. Next week we will be finishing our work on the rainbow fish by writing our own story, in maths we will be looking at number bonds to 10.

Year 2 This week in Year 2, we have been reciting the story of the Little Red Hen. The actions and repeated language helped us to learn this great story off by heart. In our English, we have been writing diaries from Samuel Pepys and we have pretended to be an eye witness, sat on a boat, watching London burn; the quality of the children's writing was superb. Next week, we will be learning how to write letters. In our topic, we have been studying some of the buildings in London from 1666 and comparing them to London now. We will be using different grades of pencil to draw the buildings and fire next week. We will also be thinking about how the fire spread and plotting this onto a map. In Maths, we have been learning to create a 2 digit number using tens and ones and next we will be looking at greater than and less than. Thank you to all of the parents who came in for our Design and Make afternoon this week. We really enjoyed seeing the Tudor buildings that you made with your children – there were some fantastic designs!

Year 3 This week we have been planning to write our own version of 'The Stone Age Boy'. We have been thinking about exciting ways that our own characters could travel from the present day, back in time to the Stone Age.

In Maths we have been comparing numbers and organising numbers in ascending and descending order. We have also been investigating patterns and solving number problems.

Year 3 led the harvest festival this week and we held up posters with ideas about what we can give. As part of this we watched a video called, 'How to Save the world' by Kid President. You can watch it again at home.

Year 4 This week in Year 4, we have written a diary in role as a character from our class book. We have used fronted adverbials, similes and adjectives in our writing and have worked on independently checking and improving our writing. In maths, we have been rounding to the nearest 1,000 and using negative numbers. We have used number lines to help count and order negative numbers. We have also looked at temperatures to help us understand negative numbers in real life contexts and solved word problems. We are continuing to practice times tables and have enjoyed using Times Tables Rockstars on the ipads. We are going to end the week with some science and will be making string telephones to investigate sound and how it travels. Next week, we are going to write a character description in our English lessons and move on to addition and subtraction in maths. We will be learning about Judaism in RE.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have been learning the ins and outs of column addition. We have been practicing our fluency and learning the difference between rushing our work and being quick. Year 5 have been very resilient towards column addition and they have shown a very mature attitude towards their learning. In English, we have been looking at the features of a newspaper report, in preparation for writing our newspaper! In PE we have been looking at our swing and accuracy in tennis. We have also given out our home learning projects for this half term!

Year 6 Our year six scientists have been very 'sparky' this week as they investigate how to change the brightness of a bulb and the speed of a motor in our Electricity and Light topic. You could almost say they have been 'electric,' but that would be too many puns in one go! Also this week, year six have shown their cold side in their iced water investigations. English has involved a lot of explanation (on how to write an explanation text). Finally they will have to be sharp if they are to explain how a pencil sharpener works (which I'm sure they will be).

Music Our word of the week is Timbre which means sound quality. Well done Year 3 – you have really got the hang of describing animals using music and are fantastic at using technical musical vocabulary! Both classes are also beginning to play the recorder with a lot more breath control now. We also composed our own aquarium music by selecting suitable instruments. Year 4 are beginning to read standard music and are able to find the notes on the keyboard to create tunes. We are getting pretty good at improvising too! Year 5 looked at the music of Glenn Miller and thought about the features of swing jazz. We sung a song called 'Hey Mister Miller' in 3 different parts. In Year 6 we have noticed that by practising regularly and repeating phrases and tricky manoeuvres, we are now able to play the whole of the 12 bar blues structure on the ukulele. This week we sang and played Johnny B Goode which many of us recognised from Back from the Future and Home Alone. The Singing Starz and Wednesday Boys are sounding FAB-U-LOUS!!! We now have the code for the Young Voices site: on the main page go the Children's Music Centre and put in the code YV2020. Children who aren't in Singing Starz may like to investigate the site as we are doing some of the songs in Singing Assembly.