



# Wheatcroft Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been so lovely to have our school back together for the past three weeks and the children have thoroughly enjoyed being back with their teachers and peers. I have been inundated with children wanting to talk with me about what they are learning and so kindly asking me how I am. We hope that you found our parent consultation phone calls useful this week and that you were able to share in your child's successes and next steps.

This week included a visit from our School Improvement Partner which involved a very positive reflective discussion around our provision for remote learning and a deep dive into Maths across the school. The children were able to confidently talk about and share what they have been learning and the feedback we received was very complementary about the level of work that our children are producing and the good quality teaching we have across the school. The Wheatcroft staff continue to amaze me with their commitment to our school and pupils and I have been so proud of how well they have supported each other during this term. We are truly lucky to have such an amazing staff team and I hope that they are all able to find some time during the holidays to recuperate and spend some much needed quality time with their families.

During the holidays, don't forget to take part in our PTFA Smarties tube challenge. After enjoying eating the smarties, please fill and return the tubes with whatever spare change you can by 14<sup>th</sup> April.

On behalf of everyone at Wheatcroft, thank you all for your continued support, messages and thoughtful gifts; we wish you a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Miller*

Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to have a socially distanced visit to the school last week and to see how happy the children were to be back in school to see their friends and teachers. Thank you for all your hard work this term in home schooling your children. Having had first-hand experience of Google Classrooms I am sure you are very grateful for all the hard work of the staff in providing these lessons and engaging with the children during the live contact sessions.

Governors have been meeting remotely and also attending on line training as well as meeting virtually with members of staff in their link roles. Training has included "Governor visits to schools", and "Knowing your school and OFSTED". Our main concern this term was the safe return of the children to school. Thank you for adhering to the Health and Safety guidelines that have been put in place. Although the Governors are not in school regularly, we can be contacted through the School Office.

On behalf of all the Governors can I wish you all a Happy Easter and hopefully the sunny weather will continue in the holidays and we can meet in bigger groups!

Yours sincerely

*Judith Sparks*

Chair of Governors



# Early Years Foundation Stage



We have enjoyed coming back to school this term to play with our friends and continue our learning back in class.



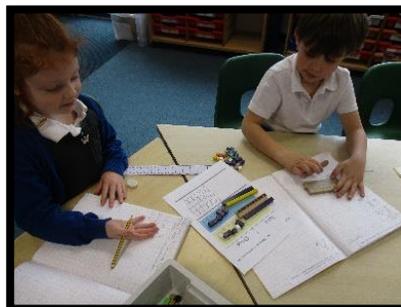
We have enjoyed weekly forest school lessons making fires, weaving willow, making rockets, hunting for numbers and looking for signs of spring.



# Key Stage 1



In Key Stage 1 we have had a busy few weeks. We have loved learning about the life of Jane Goodall during Science week as well as thinking about how we feel coming back to school.



We have also been busy creating our own vehicles in our Design and Technology lessons. We used our woodwork skills to create a chassis and attach wheels to our cars using an axle.



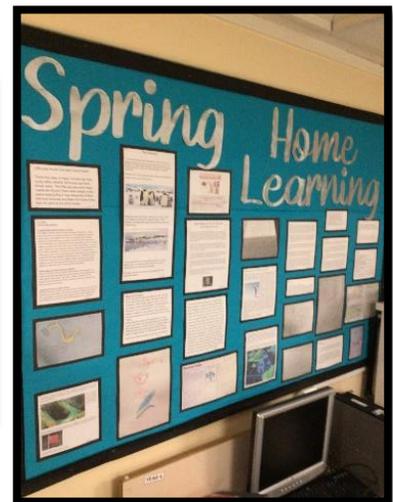
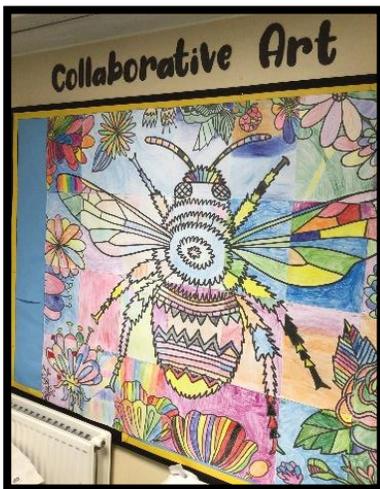
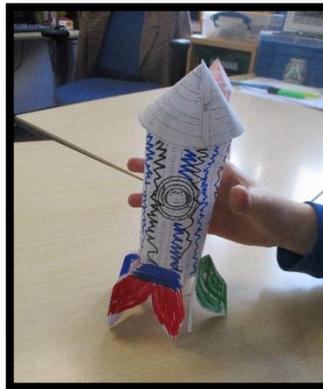
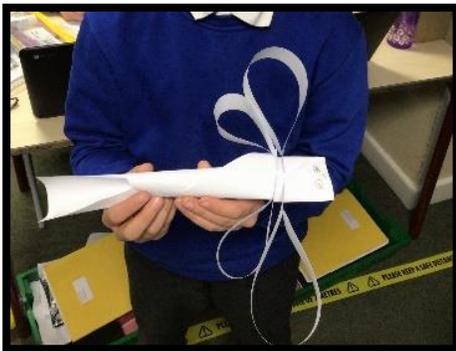
# Lower Key Stage 2



We have really enjoyed coming back and being able to work collaboratively on lots of our learning.

In Year 3 we have enjoyed practical sessions across the curriculum including science, geography, and design & technology!

In Year 3/4 we are really looking forward to seeing our sunflowers grow.



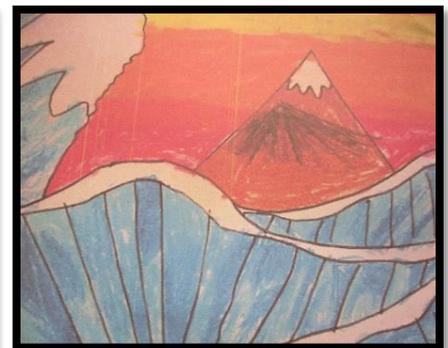
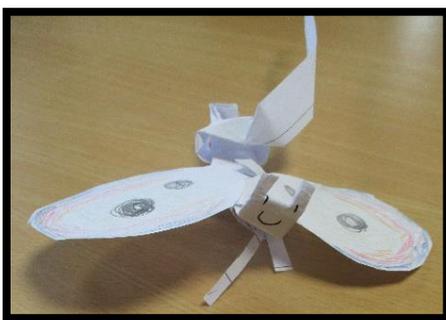
In Year 4 we have enjoyed completing experiments together for the whole school Science Week. We made paper helicopters and adapted them to find out how we could keep them in the air for longer.



# Upper Key Stage 2



UKS2 are really happy to be back at school and proud of the lovely work we have produced. We are pleased to be back & seeing our friends again.



We have really enjoyed our textiles work and produced some great batik, even though it was tricky to control the wax at times!  
We also had great fun in Science week. We enjoyed creating our scrap paper insects as part of a STEM task. We also learnt about Maggie Aderin. Pocock.