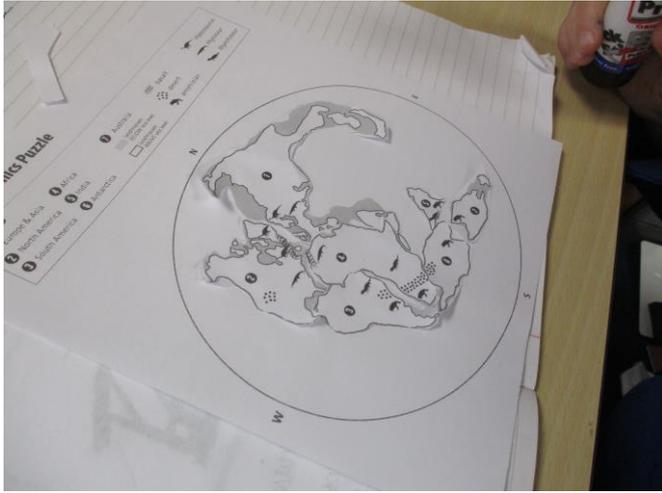




What we have been up to

UKS2

We have been learning about plate tectonics in Geography. We have found out that our planet has many different layers and have been investigating how the different tectonics plates are believed to once have been part of a supercontinent: Pangea.



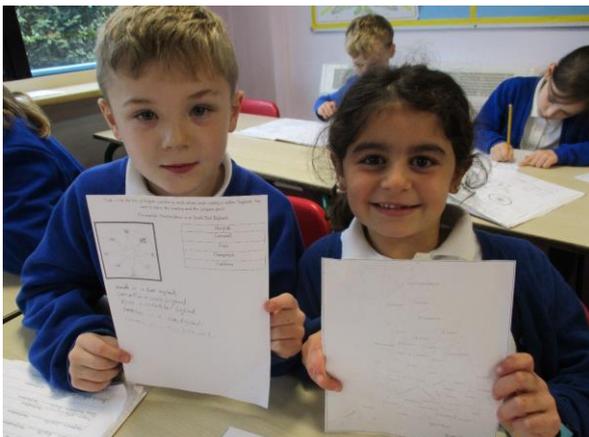
KS1

We have been learning about materials and did an experiment to see which materials were waterproof and then thought about which would be suitable to use for an umbrella. We choose plastic because it was light, flexible and waterproof.



LKS2

We have been learning about maps. We learnt how to use a compass and then used this knowledge to work out where different counties are in England!



Foundation

This week in Reception we watched a real fire being lit safely. We learned that a fire needs heat, oxygen and fuel to burn. Then we had a go at creating our own pretend fire.



Parent Voice

We asked the children what they thought about the teachers new to this school this year...

"I like Mr Griffin because he is funny, friendly and happy. The whole class likes him!" "I like the way Mr Griffin teaches us Art. He's really funny and he likes to play games with us!" "I like Mr Wackett because he is very kind and he makes a lot of funny jokes. He is very sporty; we like running with him in PE." I like Mr Wackett because he explains things clearly so I understand. He joins in with what we are playing at break time and lunchtime. If we need help with something, he is always there." "I like Miss MacNamara because she is very nice and gives us nice work." "Miss MacNamara asks us questions when we are learning and I like that."



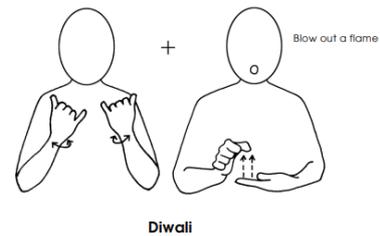
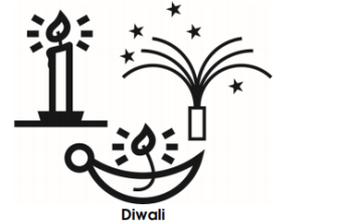
Word of the week

EYFS: helpful **Y1:** passionate **Y2:** pointless **Y3:** inability **Y4:** alleviate **Y5:** isolated **Y6:** galvanise

Mrs Miller's Message

As we come to the end of another week, my highlight of this week has to be hearing some of our key stage 1 children singing in preparation for their Christmas production. Singing assemblies are something that we really miss, so it was lovely to hear their singing voices again and to see the enthusiasm from the children. Our school council met with Miss Clarke for the first time last week and brought a range of questions for consideration. I wish them luck as they begin their journey to help move the school forward by being the voice for the pupils. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Makaton Sign of the Week



Maths at Wheatcroft

Recently, we updated our '**Calculations Policy**' to reflect the excellent teaching and learning of mathematics in the school. This policy has been created to outline the variety of methods, strategies and resources that we use to support pupils to progress further in the subject.

We ask that you please take the time to read this policy, which will be available online on our website. <https://wheatcroft.herts.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>

We hope that in doing this, you will have more knowledge on the curriculum at Wheatcroft and build on the valuable learning conversations had at home. Thank you.

Achievement Award Stars!

R1: Jasmine F	C3/4: Ryan G
R2: Aoife S	C4: Jasmine Q
C1: Noah S	C5: Dahlia A
C1/2: Leo P	C5/6: Evie M
C2: Eddie M	C6: Aidan W
C3: Layla S	

Team Points



Notices

"First Class" in the Hertfordshire Mercury: we have been advised that the Hertfordshire Mercury is running a picture special this week with the local schools' photographs of their Reception 2020 Intake so remember to look out for a copy.

Reception Admissions 2021

Applications open: **2nd November 2020**

Closing date: **15th January 2021**

Allocation day: **16th April 2021**

You must also apply online at Hertfordshire

Admissions www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Coming Up

Fri 27th November School Closed Occasional Day

Fri 4th December pm Flu Immunisations R-Y6

Fri 11th December Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 16th December Christmas Dinner FS & KS1

Thu 17th December Christmas Dinner KS2

Fri 18th December 2:30pm End Autumn Term

Tue 5th January Start Spring Term