

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week in EYFS we have a new topic! Following the children's interests our topic is now 'Vets and Pets'. In Literacy the children have enjoyed writing short sentences about their own pets. It has been terrific fun listening to and reading all the stories the children have shared with us about their own pets. In Maths we have been learning to double and halve single digit numbers. Using lady birds as a stimulus we have had lots of fun doubling and halving the lady bird spots. The focus for our topic sessions has been 'classifying animals'. In particular we have focused on sorting animals into 'vertebrates' and 'invertebrates' based on them having the presence/absence of a back bone. Our role play area has become a veterinary clinic for the children to enjoy and we have seen lots of diagnoses, treatments and check ups for poorly animals.

**Year 1** As half term looms closer the Y1 children have been flexing their mathematical muscles! Not only have they been recognizing and identifying odd/even numbers, they have begun to delve into the murky world of mathematical relationships... Specifically, the relationship between multiplication and division! In Literacy, the cohort have used their knowledge of the 'Bog Baby' to write their own fantastic versions of the story. Instead of Bog babies, we now have stories about Rock pool babies, Meadow babies and Forest/Wood babies! The Y1 teachers have been amazed by the detail and depth in which the children have written. Watch out Mrs Thornton, our Head Teacher awards this week may be writing related!

**Year 2** Year 2 have worked extremely hard on some special reading work this week. The children all tried really hard and Miss Hammond and Mrs Norman are very proud of the resilience they have shown. The children have become film directors this week; creating their own 'cops and robbers' story and designed their own stick puppet characters and props. The Year 6 children helped to film the final version and the children are looking forward to watching them.

**Year 3** Year 3 have had a busy week in which we have been reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have learned a lot about volcanoes and have been making lists of adverbs to describe the roar of eruption. In Maths, we have continued to solve word problems involving money and how to give change from given amounts. In Topic we learned about the role of an archaeologist by piecing together bits of Roman artefacts. Next week we are excited about sharing our homework about the Celts and the Romans.

**Year 4** This week Year 4 have been learning how to solve some tricky word problems in maths which involved being able to add, subtract, multiply and divide. In some cases, all at once! Our work on The Iron Man has been continuing and we have written some instructions to help out some of the characters in the book. Miss Howe and Miss Elliott have both been really impressed at how much the children's writing has improved since the start of the term and their knowledge and understanding of our text is amazing. Friday was another science day and we investigated which materials are conductors of electricity and which are insulators. We are sad to be facing our last day of swimming next week but the children have all enjoyed the sessions.

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have had an outstanding week with our amazing teachers Mrs Tudor and Mrs Gray-Thomas. We have learnt how to add money mentally in Maths. In Literacy we have been writing poems about Ancient Egypt and performed them to our class members. When we performed our poems we even used different instruments that would complement the words. In addition, in P.E we have been practising our cricket and ball skills. Also we watched a theatre group put on a performance about being safe on the internet and what can happen if you are not safe online. In Topic we have been mummifying tomatoes (which wasn't very pleasant!) In Guided Reading we have been up to different things. Every Guided Reading session, a group of Year 5 pupils read with the teachers and also get the chance to go to the library and change their books. In both classes the teacher has been picking a child to go on the new play equipment and they would choose a friend to go on it with them. By Tahlie and Lillie

**Year 6** This week, Year 6 have been learning about the human body and how the heart works in Science. In Literacy, we have been describing Billy Bones from the book 'Treasure Island' and writing openers for it as well. In Music, we are having lots of fun singing pirate songs for our production which our auditions are tomorrow! By Alisha

**Music** The Song of the Week is 'Mr. Blue Sky'. Lots of children have been listening to it at home with their family and Year 3 sang it so well on Wednesday (that really rainy day) that they encouraged the sun to shine on Thursday! Letters are going out this week with children who will be performing in the Summer Concert on Wednesday 21st June.

## Whole School Panoramic Photograph

On the morning of **Monday 22 May** the whole school will be having a panoramic photo. The last time we had one was 2006! Please make sure you send your children to school in their uniform.