

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** In EYFS this week we have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have had the opportunity to sequence the events of the story and write a caption for the beginning, middle and the end. The learning focus for 'Understanding the World' has been a butterfly's lifecycle. After watching a time lapse video of a butterfly's lifecycle the children were keen to talk about the transformation process and were able to use the correct names for each stage. On Wednesday the cohort went out on a number walk around the school to look for numbers in our environment. The children were keen to represent the amount of each number they found in different ways on their clipboards. In art we have been hand printing colourful butterfly wings ready to be decorated later next week.

**Year 1** Hello! This week in Year 1 we have been learning about exclamation marks! It has been very exciting! Our exclamation marks have helped us write about the fantastic dragon quenching smoothies we designed and made which were influenced by Giuseppe Arcimboldo. The children made fruit faces and then blended the fruit to make "interesting" smoothies. To help us remember how to make our smoothies the children wrote some instructions and created an advert for the smoothie they made. During our Phonic lessons the children have been learning about the kn and gn digraph. We used the story - 'The Queens Knickers' to help us with this tricky alternative spelling and met a mischievous gnome. In Maths, the cohort has been learning about money and how important it is to identify the correct value of the different coins! Roll on next weeks learning!

**Year 2** In Maths, Year 2 have been looking at measuring length, weight and capacity. We have been reading scales and working with big numbers to order different amounts. In Literacy we have been finishing off our unit of work on instructions, we have been using lots of imperative (bossy) verbs and adverbs in our writing. In Science we have been finding out about what plants need to grow by growing peas in different conditions, the children have found it really interesting to see how tall and white the ones on the dark have grown and have been surprised that they can grow in sand and with only a paper towel.

**Year 3** We have been very excited this week in Year 3. We were very lucky to have visitors in from the Norris Museum. They came in to talk to us about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. We had a try at Stone Age pictures like they would've created on cave walls. We carved pictures in cuttlefish bones which was lots of fun. We tried weaving baskets using willows. We also used a variety of natural materials to dye fabrics. After the break time, we had the opportunity to handle a wide variety of artefacts from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. It was so much fun and we learnt a lot.

**Year 4** This week, Year 4 have been using mathematical knowledge to map our routes and calculate profit from a Viking raid. In Literacy, we have been writing diary entries to recount our very own Viking raid (to Year 3!). We have also begun learning how to use paragraphs effectively which will be useful for when we come to write up our own informative reports.

**Year 5** In Year 5's Maths lessons we have been learning about decimal points, x and dividing large numbers by 10, 100, and 1,000. In Literacy we have learnt how to debate and use persuasive language. Science has been really fun because we used classification keys - we've made our own on the computers and are hoping they work. In P.E. we ran around the field as many times as we could and many of us signed up for cross country. We have been trying to finish our Islamic art using geometric shapes and floral shapes. This week has been fun and exciting. I hope next week is just as fun as this week has been! Thanks to the teachers for arranging this wonderful week! By Sophie and Keira

**Year 6** This week in Year 6 we have been researching and writing our discussion texts. We have come up with some great ideas such as 'Should children be paid to attend school?' and 'Should homework be banned?'. They should make for interesting reading! In Maths Class 13 have been tackling shape and Class 14 have been looking at negative numbers and problem solving. In Science we had our end of unit assessment on light and in topic we have been looking at the lines of longitude and latitude.

**Music** Huge congratulations to the Biscuit Band, Wednesday Boys, Ukulele Group and soloists for your fine performances at the Spring Concert on Wednesday evening. All the children have been preparing hard in their lessons and at home and all demonstrated skill, commitment and impressive progress. We are very excited to be hosting a performance given by the Academy of Ancient Music to our KS2 children next week. It's a real privilege to be welcoming world famous musicians to our school!