

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** EYFS have continued with their journey into Outer Space this week and the learning has been based on the book 'Aliens love underpants' which the children have really enjoyed. They have designed and created their own underpants, made their own alien faces and re-enacted the story using masks and hand puppets. The maths has also been linked to the topic as the children have been thinking about and using positional language. The PE lessons also provided an interactive opportunity to consolidate the understanding of these words.

May we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the importance for all pupils to have a PE kit in school.

**Year 1** "Who is the Gruffalo?" We hear you say. "Why don't you know?" The children in Y1 are now experts in the field of Gruffalo studies having learnt both the "Gruffalo" and the "Gruffalo's child" over the past two weeks. They have been able to re-sequence both stories into chronological order, yes chronological order, after the Y1 teachers muddled the stories up and have continued to practice when to use a capital letters as well as a full stops! The children have also engaged in drama activities involving the Gruffalo/Gruffalo's child to demonstrate their understanding of the story. In Maths, both classes have been looking into measuring length and height this week using non-standard units of measure. They used cubes, shoes, sand-timers and many more items to measure tables, chairs and themselves! Mr Mills, Mrs Burnett and Mrs Beardall are looking forward to another excellent week of learning already!

**Year 2** This week in year 2 we have been consolidating our letter sounds and using them in our writing. We are also starting to plan a non-chronological report linked to our topic on Frozen Planet. We are busy finding out the facts we want to include in the report. In maths we are focussing on subtraction using a number line. We are learning how to draw our own number lines to work out the answer to a subtraction number sentence. In topic work this week we have been finding out about lifecycles.

**Year 3** This week in year 3 we have been very busy with our work on light. We have looked at reflections. We have also investigated types of material and how light can travel through them. The children have been starting to use the words translucent, transparent and opaque. In maths we have been talking about multiplication. The children have been using the grid method for multiplying bigger numbers. We have been talking to the children again about how important it is to practise their times tables at home. Please continue to practise them with your child whenever you can. In Literacy this week we have started to write our own stories based on Matilda by Roald Dahl. The children are very enthusiastic about their ideas. We are looking forward to reading the finished stories.

**Year 4** This week year 4 have been incredibly busy practising our descriptive writing. We have come up with some creative phrases and interesting vocabulary to describe a Viking character as well as a Scandinavian setting. Year 4 have shown great enthusiasm in dance where we have been choreographing Viking actions. Well done to Class 9 for their Class Assembly on Wednesday and a big thank you to parents who were able to come and watch it.

**Year 5** In year 5 this week we have been learning about stories from different countries and have started reading 'The Journey to Jo'burg'. In maths we have been learning about a variety of things like rounding and fractions. We used equipment and strips of paper to find fractions and compare them. As well as all of the things we have been doing we also have been learning about the rainforest and where they are located in the world.  
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**Year 6** This week in Year 6 we have been making periscopes and learning about how light is reflected. Our Space topic continued with us comparing the distances between the planets and creating our own solar system on the playground! We've continued to look at fractions in Maths and have tried to improve our use of connectives in our writing.

**Music** We have an amazing turn out for Singing Starz this term! It was very exciting to welcome back existing members and to greet many new faces. You sound absolutely fantastic and have already made a great start on the Pop Medley! Y3 were very good at keeping a rhythm going this week when I was doing a different one. I tried to put them off but their concentration was too good! Children can earn housepoints in music by doing some listening/watching/research at home. If they bring in evidence of some sort such as a note signed by parents or a print out/photo, they will earn housepoints. Tahlie in Y5 has already produced a beautiful pamphlet about African drumming.