## Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary,

**Reception** In EYFS this week we have been continuing to use Elmer as a focus for our learning. We read 'Elmer and Rose' together and observed and discussed the shapes that we found. Our busy learning has included lots of 2D shape tasks including painting, drawing and building. In phonics we have been learning the 'g,o,c and k' phonemes as well as revising the phonemes we have already learnt. We all enjoy finding objects which start with these phonemes and we will be looking at home for even more objects. Mrs Guest and Mrs Page are very proud of the children this week. They have lined up beautifully in the morning and have walked into school sensibly and on Monday we all attended the Harvest Festival assembly and all of the children sat quietly and listened throughout. Well done all of you!

**Year 1** Numbers, numbers everywhere! We've been working hard on improving our counting and number formation this week. We've been counting forwards, backwards, in 2s, 5s and 10s, starting from different numbers and looking for patterns. The teachers kept trying to catch the children out by making it harder, but the children were too clever for them! We have also been discussing special places, especially churches, and how we behave in them. We had a fantastic time at Ely Cathedral and learnt lots. We were very proud of the children's behaviour and manners - well done Year 1!

**Year 2** Year 2 have been working very hard this week. On Monday we sang and played along with the national anthem. We then listened to national anthems from different countries in the world. In maths this we week we have been building numbers using groups of 10 lolly sticks and single lolly sticks. We then used these to help us practise our taking away skills. In literacy we have started to look at non-chronological reports and non-fiction texts, some of us have been strengthening our phonics by looking at sh, th, ch and ng.

**Year 3** This week in year 3 we have started a new topic all about teeth. So far the children have learnt about the types and functions of teeth. We have also talked about the fact that humans have two sets of teeth in a lifetime. We know lots of them have had visits from the tooth fairy so this was a hot topic! In Literacy we have started a new topic all about instructions. The children have been giving and following instructions. We have talked about making them clear and we have ordered them. In maths, we have continued our work on subtraction. The children are doing very well with this even though some of it is getting quite tricky. We have been talking with the children about how it isn't a problem if they don't feel confident or aren't sure yet. We give the children opportunities to show us how they think they are doing. We will also be going over topics and concepts again. We are teaching the children to be resilient with their learning and not to give up. So far, they are doing very well.

**Year 4** This week year 4 have been investigating magnetic materials. We were all surprised to discover that not all metals are magnetic! In literacy our drama skills were put to the test when we decided to act out a scene from George's Marvellous Medicine to learn about dialogue. In maths we have been refreshing our memories about the properties of quadrilaterals and triangles and sorting them using Carroll diagrams. We have been talking to the children about reading and we would like to make our reading areas more comfy and were wondering if anyone has any old cushions or throws that we could use.

**Year 5** In Year five we have been doing lots of interesting subjects this week. Here are a few examples; In maths we have been learning about Roman Numerals and how to write numbers up to thousands. We have also been practising our compact column addition. In literacy we have been learning how to write poems about an Air Raid and are making a class WW2 poetry book. We have continued learning about WW2 in our history lessons and have created an Air Raid safety leaflet. In P.E and games we have been practising our netball skills and creating gymnastics sequences ready for filming next week. By Harvey and Robert Happy learning

**Year 6** This week, Year 6 have completed several assessments in reading, writing, math's and SPAG. On Tuesday, we were taught by Mr Ritchie where we made up our own Dragon's Den style pitches to sell Victorian inventions. On Wednesday, we located countries that were part of the British Empire during Queen Victoria's reign on a world map. On Thursday, we wrote a setting description of a Victorian slum, using a range of punctuation and effective vocabulary. Finally, on Friday, we designed Christmas Cards and learnt about contractions in SPAG. Next week, we are looking forward to our Ironbridge week activities.

## Music The Song of the Week is 'Life is a Wonderful Thing'!

We currently have over 70 children learning instruments with our visiting music teachers and they are all making great progress! We offer violin, recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, piano, guitar, ukulele and drumkit. Please ask Miss Keane or Mrs Merson for details if your child is interested in learning a musical instrument. Our Y6 pupils are doing really well with their ukulele playing and will shortly be composing their own 12 Bar Blue songs! Watch this space - Wheatfields has talent!