

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** We have had a fun week in EYFS basing our learning on the story of Elmer. The children have had lots of opportunities to discuss what makes us all unique and special.

In phonics we have learnt about the phonemes I, N, M, and D and have begun to blend words containing these letters. We have been making our names with magnetic letters and writing them using our pre cursive handwriting which we would like to practise at home. In maths we have been focusing on the numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and learning songs and counting to develop our number sense. It was great to see so many parents at the curriculum meeting and sharing the details about EYFS. We will be sending home the information pack to those who were unable to attend. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning in the Key Stage 1 playground where the children will line up in their classes when the whistle is blown.

**Year 1** This week in year 1 we've been preparing for our visit to Ely cathedral by finding out about all the features of a church you find both inside and out. We've been using our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes to create models and drawings of churches. It's been fun to have longer PE lessons in the afternoon but a lot of our lesson time is spent helping the children get changed. Please could you help your child to get dressed and undressed by themselves. They also need help with how to turn their clothes the right way round. That way we can spend more time in the hall or on the field rather than turning 30 t-shirts, trousers and pairs of sock the right way round! Next week it's our trip to Ely Cathedral on Thursday. Normal school times and school uniform please.

**Year 2** This week in year 2 we have been adding numbers together. We know it is easier to start with the largest number and count on the smallest. We have also been learning to add 10 to a 2-digit number. In literacy we have been writing sentences using nouns and adjectives. In topic we have learnt about the Royal Family tree.

**Year 3** In year 3 this week we have been writing a report about London. The children collected their facts and sorted them into sections ready to write. Their reports are organised into paragraphs and they have included sub-headings too. In maths the children have been using number lines to solve addition word problems. They have had lots of practise now and getting very confident. Some of the children have been using number lines to add much bigger numbers. In our topic lessons this week we have continued learning about the United Kingdom. We have been looking at the landscape and talking about hills and mountains. The children have also drawn London landmarks. Their pictures are amazing. They will soon be on display for you to pop in and have a look at them.

**Year 4** This week Year 4 have been grappling with quadrilaterals and understanding properties of 2D shapes. Try asking them to spot different shapes (and right angles!) at home. In literacy we have been getting in to role as the grumpy, old Grandma from Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvelous Medicine'. We had great fun exploring how much friction was produced by different surfaces around the school. Did you know that the grass produced more friction than the playground or the carpet? It would be great if you could encourage your children to show you their new blogging skills on Starz. All in all, a very busy week!

**Year 5** This week in year five, we have been doing lots of interesting subjects. Here is what we did this week. In literacy we have been writing simile and metaphor evacuee poems set in World War Two and we will be typing them up on the computer to put on our display. In maths we have been doing all things decimals (+, -, rounding and multiplying them). Whilst in topic we have been learning about WW2 and writing safety leaflets (how to keep yourself safe during an air raid). Finally In art we have been drawing what we thought London would look like during an air raid attack. Happy learning!!!  
By Robert and Michal

**Year 6** This week in Maths we have been focusing on factors. Miss Haylock taught us how to use 'Factor Bugs' to help us. We have been editing our letter of complaint to Lord Shaftesbury for reason why he should talk to the Government se we don't work in the coal mine. In Topic, we pretended that we were in a Victorian school and Miss Haylock was our fearsome teacher with the cane. We wrote on blackboards with styluses and received punishment if we didn't write neatly!

**Music** The Song of the Week has been 'Water, Water', a song celebrating the Jewish harvest festival of Sukkat. Who can find out more information about Sukkat and the Sukkah? We have enjoyed the lilting rhythms and dance-like character of this energetic song. Y3 are doing really well learning the recorder; they already know how to play B, A and G and have started learning tunes!