## Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary,

**Reception** In EYFS this week we have been exploring the learning areas, investigating the equipment and using the different resources. We had great fun with the water table as it was so hot. Our number focus has been 1, 2, and 3 and we have been searching the classrooms for objects which represent these numbers. We have also been singing songs and starting learning some phonics. Three of our boys had their birthdays this week so we have been helping them celebrate.

**Year 1** Year 1 has been so exciting this week! On Tuesday we had our first 'Art Attack' when our grown ups came into the classrooms to help us with our self portraits. We all had a lot of fun and learnt a lot too, about all the different materials we used to create out pictures. Hasn't the weather been amazing? And we've been making the most of it by doing lots of learning outside. We've been carefully counting objects by rearranging them and then double checking. On Wednesday it was great to finally be allowed to frolic on the field, when we we're acing out and then sketching the things we can do now, that we couldn't do as a baby. Next week the big question is... Where's my Teddy?

**Year 2** This week in year 2 we have continued with our topic on Queen Elizabeth II. We found out about the royal standard and created our own standards. In Literacy we have been learning about the different types of punctuation focusing particularly on capital letters and full stops. In maths we have been identifying tens and ones in a number.

Year 3 This week we have continued with our work on reports. We have looked at how paragraphs are used to organise writing and we have focussed on using conjunctions and fronted adverbials. Both of these are big things in year 3 so please ask your child what they are. The children have also enjoyed using dictionaries to find words. In maths we have been ordering numbers and we have used number lines too. In our topic work we have been learning about rivers and seas in and around the United Kingdom. We have been giving the children lots of opportunities to use the atlases to help them with this. We are still very impressed with how most of the children have stepped up to the challenge of being in year 3. We held our year 3 parents' meeting this week. If you were unable to come and you have any questions, please speak to one of the year 3 teachers.

**Year 4** This week in year 4 we have learned about forces in science, such as friction and gravity. In literacy, we have been learning about similes and writing our own list poems about a nasty monster! In maths we have used the column method for addition of thousands, hundreds, tens and units. We also looked at the work of M.C Escher in art and loved his strange drawings. We are looking forward to creating one of our own. By Daisy & Emily

**Year 5** Another busy week in Year 5! We have continued to prepare for writing our World War 2 Diaries by generating similes and metaphors about an air raid and by thinking of different ways to begin our sentences. Whilst in maths we've been rounding increasingly bigger numbers to 10. 100. 1000 and even 10,000! In history we've looked at the different countries involved in World War 2 and some of their leaders. Even though its been hot, we managed to practise our netball skills in games and have been developing our gymnastic sequences.

**Year 6** This week in Year 6, we have been enjoying PE with the coaches and stepping out of our comfort zone in gymnastics. As well as that, we have been learning how to make notes and conduct research. These will come in handy for next week when we write our biographies on an influential British Victorian! We have been learning about Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone and Isambard Kingdom Brunel's contributions to passenger railways and steam ships. In maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of number and revisiting our formal, written methods. Finally in science, we have been looking at circuits and coming up with designs for future Illuminated Boat parades in St. Ives.

**Music** The Singing Starz and Wednesday Boys are in fine voice this week! I will be on the hunt for new Y5 boys to join the Wednesday Boys. The Song of the Week has been 'In the Autumn'; we have been investigating the shape of the melody using pitch words and have sung the song in a two part round. We used dynamics to make the song more interesting.