

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** What a fabulous start to the term EYFS has had. This week the children had a fantastic time at 'Gulliver's Dinosaur Land'. Despite being a very wet day all our reception children were impeccably behaved and were shining examples of our school. There was so much to see and do at dinosaur land. Behind every tree and around every corner a different dinosaur was waiting to be discovered. The children went digging for dinosaur fossils, made gooey dinosaur slime and even made tasty chocolatey treats! However, the highlight of the day was by far the guided Jurassic boat adventure. The children enjoyed a leisurely boat ride around the park's river and learned lots of cool interesting facts about the different dinosaurs. All the children also had a ride up the observation tower where they were able to have a panoramic view of the entire park and all of its prehistoric creatures. A big thank you to all the parent helpers for your assistance on the day. We hope that the children enjoyed their time at 'Dinosaur Land' and have had a memorable experience that they can treasure.

**Year 1** Seagulls, picnics and Lighthouses..... You guessed it! In Year One we have started the half-term with a bang! We have thrown ourselves into the 'Light House Keeper's lunch'. When the children came into school on Monday, they discovered that a basket full of ingredients had been left for them. What ensued can only be described as a mass sandwich making effort by the children which really hooked them into our new unit of work. The children have learnt the story inside out by creating talk for writing actions and using drama to impersonate characters from the story! In Maths, the cohort having been revisiting number and place value. We have been identifying patterns, counting in 10s from any given number and identifying gaps in 100 squares in order to consolidate our understanding! In PE we have been preparing for the KS1 Sports Day next Thursday were we hope to see you there!

**Year 2** Year 2 have enjoyed getting stuck into our new topic of 'Brazil'. We really enjoyed our trip to Woburn Safari Park, the children loved seeing all the animals. In literacy we have been looking at the poetry book 'Rumble in the Jungle' we spotted rhyming words and adjectives. In maths we have been working on subtraction and finding 10 more, 10 less and 1 more, 1 less. We have been getting ready for sports day next week the children are very excited.

**Year 3** We have had a fun filled first week back in year three this week. We have done lots of work around volcanoes. We thought of lots of words to describe them and made calligrams to illustrate them. We have also enjoyed learning about the human skeleton. We know why it is important and can name the main bones in the body. In maths we are doubling and halving numbers. We have also started working on multiplying using the grid method.

**Year 4** This week, year 4 have been getting into the role of Hogarth to write a recount about luring the Iron Man into the pit. We have been acting in role as well as using diagrams to support our ideas and collection of vocabulary. In maths, we have begun to learn about fractions and have been finding fractions of shapes as well as comparing fractions using 'greater than' or 'less than' terminology. We feel very lucky to have been asked as a year group to help out with KS1 sports day and have been practicing our roles for this.

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have been doing lots of exciting work including maths, literacy and much more. On Monday we started to learn about Howard Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and body (in a sarcophagus) in Egypt (in 1922). We also watched a video of him looking into the tomb and when asked what he could see he replied, "wonderful things." As he gazed around he saw extremely old items bundled together in the ante chamber and they suspected that someone may have broken in. On Tuesday we looked back at our compact column addition adding 5 digit numbers and some of us moved onto 6 digit numbers. On Wednesday morning we took a very long journey down to the Ivo One Leisure to do our weekly swimming lesson. We were put into 3 groups for our assessment to see which group we would be in next week. PS: We are looking forward to Friday because... Do you know why? It's Egyptian day By Alfie and Kieran F

**Year 6** This week, Year 6 have been busy learning our production 'Treasure Island' and also some people participated in the pirate dance. In Music we have been learning the samba rhythms with Mrs Merson. It was fun but very hard! We also did a diary entry in role of Jim from Treasure Island. It was cool pretending to be someone else (Jim) but it was quite hard. Then we did our Year Book. I found it fun thinking about our past. We did some designs for our Greek pots, they look a bit mad. In P.E., all of us did a quiz about sports and to earn more points. We had to do physical challenges. We did a fish bowl and press ups. Whoever was last one still doing it wins more points.

**Music** The Song of the Week has been, 'Build it High'; a song about rising to challenges and doing the best we can. Our Y4 pupils have started writing compositions based on their work on Mussorgsky and their class topic of Habitats. They chose chords, pitch and a synthesised voice to create a backwash for a particular microhabitat and needed to justify the reasons for their choices. School Concert 21st June - thank you to everyone who has returned their permission slips. Final instructions will be sent out next week. If you haven't yet returned your slip, please send it in a.s.a.p. or email Mrs. Merson at [music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk). Many thanks.