

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week the children have been very excited to go on their very first trip! At the start of the week, we talked about what would happen and where we were going and the children enjoyed the different Dinosaur activities to get them ready for Dino Land. We are very proud of all the children and how they behaved themselves whilst away. We all had a wonderful time digging for fossils, making dinosaur slime as well as cooking and of course enjoying seeing all the amazing dinosaurs!

Year 1 The first week has seen the children of Y1 making sandwiches! Both classes were delivered a picnic basket and both sets of children decided to make sandwiches from the items. They then watched Seagulls come and eat the crusts/left overs from the school playground. The birds were very cheeky! The next day the adults found a book about a lighthouse keeper whose lunch kept being stolen by cheeky Seagulls! We then read the story and learnt actions to help us remember the plot. In maths we have been learning about measurement. We have been learning about weight and capacity this week using bucket balances and reading scales! The cohort have also been helping the Year 4's practice for the KS1 Sports Day as the Year 4's will be leading the activities this year. Roll on next week!

Year 2 Year 2 had a wonderful day at Woburn Safari Park on Tuesday. They were all impeccably well behaved and a real credit to our school. The children saw lots of animals across the park and even enjoyed watching Mrs McDonnell and Miss Whittle herding escapee goats! Over the next week we will be using our inspiration from the trip to write some poetry which we will display across the class windows for you to enjoy also. Within Maths the children have also been collaborating whilst designing their own board games. Please do take the time to share with them what their ideas have been in addition to the mathematical rules they have designed. Lastly, I would just like to thank our parent helpers who came along to Woburn. Without your generous help these trips would not be able to go ahead and I cannot thank you all enough for your enthusiasm on the day which really brought the park to life for the children. Thank you .

Year 3 Welcome back Year 3! We have had a busy week delving into our final half term. On Monday we enjoyed some cricket in the sunshine - the children's batting skills have improved lots! In maths this week we have been revisiting fractions. The children have been ordering, adding and taking them away - they have impressed their teachers with what they have remembered. One of the most exciting moments of the week was testing our costumes we had designed and created to slow a runner down, I'm sure the runners will tell you - it was sweaty work!

Year 4 Something very strange happened at Wheatfields this week.... Year 4 went into the school hall only to find that it was covered with huge lily pads and pond weed. When we investigated a little more and looked for clues we discovered that something very odd had occurred on Tuesday night. Frogs had started flying! This had all happened because of the new book we are studying called 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. The children have been becoming familiar with the plot before writing newspaper reports. We finally completed our work about the Iron Man by writing a diary recount from the point of view of Hogarth. In maths we have been getting to grips with area and perimeter whilst in science we are busy planning how to make a runner slower! We have also been helping Mr Mills to organise and run KS1 Sports day. It's been another busy week.

Year 5 Welcome back Year 5, it has been a super speedy first week back. We have started our new Literacy genre - Myths and will be writing an Egyptian myth. Myths are like stories but set in ancient times and with magical creatures. To understand Egyptian myths, we have been using the technique of role playing. It helps children to have fun whilst remembering the stories very well. In addition, children have been recalling the stories from 'Egyptian day' and applying their creative ideas in their writing. Miss Vickers and I are so excited with the enthusiasm and the buzz about this genre from Year 5s. In Science, we are continuing with our topic 'Forces' and will be carrying out more experiments to investigate the topic further. In Maths, we are exploring Roman Numerals, measuring different types of Angles and using protractors. All this hard work is fantastic! Research has shown that when children are aware and know their own thought process, their understanding and applying of the skills learnt is better. So, to ensure Year 5 children's involvement, we have been discussing the curriculum objectives with children. This will not only assist them to understand the skills learnt but also to feel proud of their achievements. So, keep up all the good work Year 5s.

Year 6 This half term, our topic is The Ancient Greeks and the children have done well researching and preparing a poster on an area the Ancient Greeks have influenced us today. As part of this topic, we have enjoyed debating in a philosophy session which we will be continuing weekly. In literacy, the children are writing a non-chronological report based on a made up Greek mythological creature. We have hit the ground running with preparation for the Year 6 end of year performance thanks to some very organised Year 6s who have learned their lines and prepared a great deal!

Music Y5 are enhancing their topic about the Egyptians with some Egyptian music! We learnt about the types of instruments they played; the evidence was on their artwork! We also used Egyptian hieroglyphics as symbols in a graphic score which we interpreted using percussion instruments. Y4 have created ostinato patterns on the keyboard as the next stage in our Iron Man composition project. Some of us even wrote it down using standard notation! Y6 are learning the songs for their Summer Musical and are already sounding fantastic! We are particularly working on style and diction .. and coming in at the right place! Y3 are continuing to improve their recorder skills. They watched their arrangements of Peas Pudding Hot and commented on what went well and what could be improved.