

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week we have been continuing with our topic of 'Dinosaurs'. We have been sponge painting dinosaur footprints, fossil hunting and in PE we were exploring different prehistoric movements to represent a variety of verbs. The pupils have been trying hard with their writing so they can share it with the KS1 pupils in the 'Wow Assembly'. The 'part, part, whole' method for addition has been introduced in maths which the children will be keen to practise at home. The pupils have been sharing their thoughts and ideas on what it means to be kind and how they can show empathy towards others. They all were reflective and came up with some very mature responses.

Year 1 We are Light house experts! Not only have we learnt a fictional story about Lighthouses, but now the children of Year 1 have learnt a story about a Light house that actually happened! The year group have been learning about the heroic efforts of Grace Darling and her family during a horrific storm over 200 years ago. Both classes have learnt new words that helped describe Grace's story and have also managed to sequence her story in chronological order! In maths, both sets of children have been consolidating their understanding of telling the time on an analogue clock and have also been introduced to a 24hr clock! This week the whole of Year 1 have been writing their own sections of their reports to show off to you how fantastic their writing is. Well done one and all!

Year 2 Year 2 are very excited about the Year 2 Music Festival next Tuesday morning. We will be welcoming Year 2s from Thorndown, Eastfield, Holywell, Hemingford and St Helens so sing a selection of Beatles songs. The children have loved learning them and I'm sure you've heard them singing them around the house. We have learnt love me do, hard day's night, help, ticket to ride, she loves you, yellow submarine, let it be, all you need is love, can't buy me love and with a little help from my friends. It looks set to be a great morning.

Year 3 This week we have been on our school trip to St.Albans or Verulamium as the Romans called it. We had an amazing day. We began by visiting the amphitheatre. We saw the remains of the Roman shops and a Roman house - it was very big. After that, we headed into the museum. We looked at all of the Roman things and talked about what they were used for. Lots of the children thought it was very exciting when we saw real Roman skeletons! We were disgusted by the gross ear spoons. If you don't know what one is, please ask a year 3 child. We had a workshop with a lady from the museum. Our favourite thing was when we got to handle the sponge on a stick. All of the year 3 children thought this was great. Again, please ask them if you want to know what they were used for.

Year 4 This week year 4 have been away on their trip to Thorpe Woodlands where they have experienced many different (and challenging) activities. The children have worked together in team building activities and have been encouraging one and other well. Back at school, we have been having a wonderful time building dens and making fires. In addition, we have been bowling and have had a trip to the hospital! Miss E and Miss H have been very proud of the entire year group this week for their cooperation and resilience.

Year 5 In Year 5, we did a 'pack full' of learning this week and we want to tell you all about it! To start with, we are going to tell you about our Sports Day (even though it was at the end of last week!). We helped to run Sports Day for the Year 3 & 4 in the afternoon. We took basic activities and made them a bit more complicated for the children after we had tested it out on the Year 1s. In the morning, the Year 4s helped to run Sports Day for us and Year 6. It was really fun! Overall Sapphires won!! It went really well and everyone enjoyed it. For the rest of the week in science we did forces and we did an investigation to see if the size of a canopy of a parachute affects the speed of it falls. We dropped from 2 metres and timed how long it took to fall. We found out that air resistance affects how quickly or slowly it falls. In our spelling test we got to choose 10 words that we spelt wrong in our writing. In maths we learnt about fractions and how to times them by a one digit number. By Tahlie and Isobelle

Year 6 This week we have been focusing on our production. We have been practicing as much as possible. Some of us are doing prop making club after school so that we have everything we need to make our treasure island play the best thing ever! We have also been doing some art for our carnival. We had to do Andy Warhol inspired paintings of Oliver Cromwell. By Olivia class 14

Music The Song of the Week has been 'Sing!'; the Singing Starz sung it at the Summer Concert and it has very quickly become a school favourite! Our Y5 children have been interpreting graphic scores this week as part of an Egyptian Pyramid composition. They thought carefully about pitch, dynamics and timbre and worked well together in groups to create their piece. Our Y3 children are becoming very skilled at reading musical notes. This week they created an arrangement of London's Burning with recorders, singers and percussion players.