

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** What a fantastic first year of school Class 1 and 2 have had! When we look back at everything the children have achieved, we feel incredibly proud and honoured to have been a part of their learning journey this year. The EYFS children have particularly enjoyed their very first school trip to Dinosaur Land as well as participating in their first school Nativity. 'Space' and 'The Body' were also very popular topics, especially when the children had the chance to learn a fantastic Space Song which they are still keen to sing today! Some of the children loved finding out more about their bodies and can tell you that "the brain is the smartest part of your body". Alongside the different topics, children also particularly enjoyed colouring activities and hula hooping as well as outdoor learning opportunities. On behalf of all of us in EYFS, we wish all the children and their families a very relaxing, 'not too hot!' and happy Summer break. We look forward to seeing you all in September ready for amazing Year 1 adventures!

**Year 1** What a year! From Traction Man to the Bog Baby, adventures with the original Winnie the Pooh, writing a book about Autumn to help Santa learn about seasonal changes and helping Mr Grinling eat his lunch, the children of Year 1 have worked their writing socks off. The level of progress from everybody is unrecognisable and all of the adults who work in the phase are blown away with proud they are of the children. To go alongside the writing, all the children have learnt about solving all four number operations, time, place value, fractions, movement, reasoning/problem solving, measure and many more areas of the maths curriculum. We could go on and on about the achievements the children have made in all the areas of the curriculum we have covered but I would wear my keyboard out! Nevertheless, all the adults who have worked with the Year 1 children this year would like to say good luck in Year Two next year and well done for a fabulous year of learning!

**Year 2** What a fantastic year it has been! All of the children in Year 2 have shown great resilience, determination, curiosity and creativity in their learning. As staff we couldn't be prouder of the independence they have developed throughout the year in addition to their engagement and passion for learning. From Castles to African Savannah's, the children have developed a curiosity about the world around them and wowed staff with their weird and wonderful facts. Their ability to code algorithms and adapt their approaches to ensure characters or aspects of their computer games work has been impressive to see and we know the children have really enjoyed using their mathematical and problem solving knowledge to support them in ICT this year. It has been a busy learning year but incredibly fun at the same time as a result of the children's humour and creativity. Year 3 are very lucky to be receiving such an enthusiastic bunch of learners and we wish them all the luck in their new adventures. Well done for a brilliant year!

**Year 3** This year we have had an amazing year. We have found out lots of the children's favourite things to tell you about. We started the year learning about the Stone Age. Billy really enjoyed this topic. Nial, Kieran and Tom C learnt a lot on our trip to Flag Fen. Charlie and Eliza loved learning about the Celts. Savana B and Leon really enjoyed our trip to St.Albans when we learnt about the Romans. Hanna, Joseph and Chloe liked Roman Day when we dressed up as Romans for the day. Evie P said she had really liked singing the Roman song. Olly and May have shown that they have a great understanding of Roman numerals. Mary Anning is very famous for her work with fossils. Noah and Erin liked learning about her. Evie G found fossils very interesting. We did an investigation about tooth enamel and we tested egg shells because they are a similar material. Neve, Ashley and Harry liked this. Ruby and Lexie have enjoyed learning about plants. Beatriz, Dexter and Kristine loved it when we learnt about digestion in science and made a poo bottle to model how the digestive system works. Taylor and Lily liked learning about teeth. Times tables have been great fun for Amelia and Tom M because they have really made an effort to learn them so they aren't as tricky anymore. Alex enjoyed learning about 3d shapes and making the shapes from their nets. Reuben P has become an expert at using the grid method to multiply numbers and Reuben MB has enjoyed dividing numbers using a number line. In Art, Jamie and Verity liked creating their own bubble pictures. Jessica, Sophia and Sienna enjoyed our topic about Ali Coulter's art when we made butterfly pictures made up of flowers. George and Harrison both liked practising their cricket skills and playing cricket. Thomas and Callum enjoyed the P.E. lesson when the children were allowed to create their own games. Tiggy and Paris have both had fun in class 7 when we have enjoyed dancing to some of Mrs Probert's favourite songs. A sailor went to sea sea sea has been Esther's favourite song in music with Mrs Merson. Lisa enjoyed writing Autumn poems. Ava and Grace liked creating their own mythical creatures. In Guided Reading, we have looked at lots of books and stories. Georgia liked the story Tops and Bottoms. Savannah J and Ellie F learnt lots of new things during our topic about London. Bilal enjoyed sharing his knowledge of Islam and designing his own prayer mat. Megan said she has really liked the teachers in year 3. The children have all worked very hard this year and made the teachers very proud. We hope this continues in year 4.

**Year 4** Year 4 has been lots of fun! At the start of the year, we learnt about Jub and the Lost Happy Endings where we made a drama scene to represent part of the book. At the Christmas production, Y4 did an amazing hippo dance which the whole audience thought was fabulous! Three of the BEST days in the whole entire year were when we either went to Thorpe Woodlands or did the Wheatfields Staycation! Those of us who stayed made slime, went bowling and did outdoor activities with Grafham Water. Those of us who went to Thetford, enjoyed challenging ourselves to do lots of exciting, new activities. In the summer term, we were given the opportunity to have swimming lessons at One Leisure which we all thoroughly enjoyed. We were proud to be chosen to help out KS1 to run their sports day and the whole year group were praised for their maturity and enthusiasm. We found it very energising! We have covered many exciting topics and some of our favourites were the Vikings, Electricity, Christmas and Viking Science. Also, we have read some fantastic books such as 'Tuesday', 'The Iron Man' and 'Viking Boy'. This year has been outstanding and we can't wait until year 5. By Year 4 ☺

**Year 5** Year 5 have time travelled through the ages and landed in Ancient Egypt. On our way we explored the rainforest and found ourselves huddled in Anderson Shelters during World War 2. We have written diaries, biographies, newspapers and stories about each topic. Year 5's favorite memories are of World War 2 day and Ancient Egyptian day. We also really enjoyed our trip to Duxford. We have used our mathematical skills to problem solve and reason, as well as teach others our way of thinking. Finally, we have enjoyed learning how to play different sports from different coaches. Through our resilience and reciprocity we will become the best role models for the school when we start Year 6 in September. Good luck and enjoy your Summer holidays, from Miss Vickers and Mrs Kahn.

**Year 6** What a week – again! After taking Sunday to recover from our tremendous double victory at St Ives Carnival, Monday seemed to arrive very quickly! We have spent the week on our final science topic of Evolution & Adaption. As part of this, we designed our own living thing which was adapted to survive in a specific environment. Then we studied some animal bones and teeth, from the Zoology museum in Cambridge, doing some observational drawings. We hope you enjoyed our Leavers Assembly – we certainly did. And as for our disco, what happens at the disco, stays at the disco! Once again, thank you for all your support in our final full week of the term! (sob!)

**Music** We have had another busy musical year! We have been learning music from lots of different traditions, cultures and genres and have learnt to play many different musical instruments. Highlights have been African drumming and singing in Y5, STOMP rhythms in Y3, Space compositions in Y6 and Iron Man compositions in Y4. We have also enjoyed learning music from our new musical scheme, Charanga. EYFS, Y1 and Y2 have also been using the scheme and have thoroughly enjoyed the songs and games. The Singing Starz performed at the Birmingham Genting Arena in January; it was a really thrilling occasion and we are still singing the songs! The Singing Starz have been a fabulous group of performers and it has been especially great to have had the support of so many fine Y6 musicians! We have had two School Concerts this year. In the Spring some of our newer performers took the stage for the first time and in the Summer it was time for our more experienced players to show how far they have come.

The Wednesday Boys have been a strong and dedicated group this year and performed brilliantly in both concerts as well as singing 'In a Bleak Midwinter' at the Christmas Concert; a music teacher from the Ivo School was really impressed! The Biscuit Band have turned their hand to different styles of music from folk, through classical to rock! They have performed on their own and have also been the accompaniment for some of our singing groups - an impressive skill to master! They have also eaten a lot of biscuits! In March we welcomed the Grand Union Orchestra who performed music from different cultures. They told us we were the only school in Cambridgeshire who had managed to sing a song in 3 parts! They were also impressed by how many children could play a musical instrument.

We have been delighted to welcome Paul Richards to our team of visiting instrumental teachers. Our drummers are already making great progress!

Well done everyone, and keeeeeeep singing!

