

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** We have started our 'Superheroes' topic in EYFS this week and we have all enjoyed dressing up in the new costumes, playing in the cityscape role play area, designing our own Superhero and learning a Superhero dance. In PE we have been completing a Superhero challenge where we all had to do a variety of actions to see if we were up to the task. As it has been Anti-bullying week we have also been singing the song of the week – 'Power in me', which we have all been very enthusiastic to learn and are looking forward to singing in assembly on Friday.

**Year 1** What a week Year 1 have had with Toys! You read correctly - Toys! This week the children have been discussing, describing, playing and deciding all things Toys. In Literacy the children have described why some toys are made out of certain materials? Why some toys are suited to certain environments? Described the appearances of multitude of different toys and learnt how toys have changed since the teachers were children. In Maths, the cohort has continued to develop their understanding of addition by participating in a variety of activities that has resulted in the children highlighting their excellent progress. In PE, both classes have continued to practice their dance for the Xmas performance and have made the teachers very proud because of the enthusiasm/effort that has been demonstrated. Roll on next week!

**Year 2** This week in year 2 we have been learning about multiplication in maths. We have been drawing arrays to solve a multiplication sentence. In literacy we have been consolidating our letter sounds and listening to a several different stories which have dragons as the main character. We have been planning our own story involving a dragon in preparation for writing. We will be using the stories we have listened to as a model for own writing. In topic we have been learning about life inside a castle and the different roles people had. We are also busy learning the songs for the Christmas play and rehearsing our class dances.

**Year 3** This week in year 3 we have had a lot of fun in science. We have been learning about the digestive system. We have been using the correct scientific vocabulary too. We have used all of the knowledge to help us to write an explanation about how the digestive system works. The children have done very well with this. In maths we have continued with our work on multiplying. The children are continuing to practise their times tables and this week they have started to use a written method to help them to work out multiplication of two digit numbers. In games lessons we have started playing bench ball. We are focussing on accurate passing, finding good spaces and team work skills.

**Year 4** This week Year 4 have explored a new text in Literacy. We have had a lot of fun reading and interpreting Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas'. This text will be our focus for the next few weeks. In maths, Year 4 have been applying our knowledge of place value to questions that involve mathematical reasoning and problem solving.

**Year 5** This week we have been busy with a variety of subjects like English, Maths, P.E. and Science. In English, we have been writing a report about a "bomb" Mr Dove found. After writing our report by hand we then typed up our report with a newspaper headline. In Maths, we have finished our angles and circles topic and have moved onto shapes any symmetry. Also, in P.E. we did a game of hand hockey with Mrs Turner. In Science, we recapped states of matter and we are moving onto materials.

**Year 6** Last week we handed in our 'Decades' project homeworks. The teachers have been really impressed with what we had produced; some of us made Vlogs while others brought in delicious cakes, made PowerPoint presentations, models and posters. Also, our tiles arrived from Ironbridge so we were pleased that we could finally see how they'd turned out before taking them home. Because it is anti-bullying week, we have been learning about 'The Power of Good'. We have also taken part in an 'Autism awareness' discussion as a year group during our assembly. In P.E, we were excited to be back on the school field for tag rugby and in dance, we were continued making a 60s inspired routine, including moves like the 'pony', 'twist', 'shimmy', and the 'mashed potato', to name a few! In literacy, we have begun reading 'A Christmas Carol' and wrote fantastic descriptions of Ebenezer Scrooge. In terms of maths, Class 13 have been revising fractions and Class 14 have been multiplying numbers using formal methods.

**Music** The Song of the Week this week is 'Power in Me' to fit in with the Anti-bullying theme, 'Power for Good'. Mrs Merson was lucky enough to walk into EYFS on Wednesday just as they were singing the song and they were fantastic! Lots of open mouths and strong actions! They then treated her to a rendition of their Christmas song which we'll keep a secret for now, but you're in for a treat! KS2 are also doing really well with their Christmas songs. We are paying a lot of attention to our breathing and feeling where the energy is for the phrases. We are practising our diction to make our words nice and clear.