

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** Mrs Guest, Mrs Yasaee and Mrs Page are looking forward to meeting the new pupils that start their morning and afternoon sessions at school on Monday.

**Year 1** Welcome back Year 1! The holidays have finally ended and we are back to school! The children have come back with a bang and all the teaching staff within the year group have been blown away by their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. On Wednesday the children had a massive surprise when the Phonic Fairy and the Tricky Troll visited them in Class 3. Both adults and children were mesmerized by the Phonic Fairy's magical dust and love for phonics. However, neither adults or children flinched from the challenge the Tricky Troll laid down to the phase when he declared he would be attempting to trick us with his tricky words! In maths the children have been engaging in activities that have helped to aid their addition, number formation and reasoning skills as a way to ease them into Year 1 Math expectations. Remember, next Tuesday 12th September is the Year 1 Curriculum meeting. If your free to join us at 14:30, we will be informing parents/carers about what the children of Year 1 will be learning about this term as well as when PE days are, work expectations, lunch/break times, uniform and Phonics! Roll on next week!

**Year 2** What a great week back for Year 2! All of the children have settled in well and are enjoying both catching up with friends and exploring new learning. Within Maths this week the children have been securing their knowledge of place value for numbers up to 100. They began by counting on and back from different starting points before then beginning to record missing numbers. Within Literacy the children have been learning the grammatical word classes such as nouns, verbs, adjectives in order to create some of their own silly sentences. Alongside this within Topic the children have been applying their knowledge to write about astronauts, ensuring they are using the correct punctuation. As you can see they have been very busy showcasing their knowledge and we are very proud of their enthusiastic attitudes towards their learning. They also enjoyed their first PE session this week where we began a unit on gymnastics. Our PE sessions are; Monday pm - Outdoor PE Wednesday pm - Indoor PE Please make sure the correct kit is in school for these sessions, thank you

**Year 3** The year 3 teachers are delighted with how well the children have settled into Key Stage 2. They are all working hard and listening well. After we had a couple of days to settle in and learn new routine and expectations, we have spent two days doing an R.E. topic. We have introduced the children to the concept of Big Questions. These are questions where we don't always know the answer but we can find out information and make up our own ideas. This week we asked the big question 'How did the world begin?' We talked about the Christian and Hindu stories of creation. We also talked about the big bang theory. The children then had time to talk about what they think. After that, the children were all given a blank sheet of paper and were asked to write or draw how they think the world began. The results were fabulous. Please talk to your child and find out what they think. We obviously have some budding philosophers in the year group!

**Year 4** Year 4 have had a wonderful first week back. We have been writing a setting description based on an image of a mysterious door in a forest and came up with lots of imaginative ideas. In games, we have begun to learn about ball skills and have been using bean bags to practice catching. On Friday, we will be launching our key text for the first half of the Autumn Term; 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carrol Anne Duffy and Jane Ray. Mrs Tudor and Miss Howe are pleased with the positive start that all of the children have made this week and are excited for our learning this term.

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have started our World War 2 Topic! We have written a timeline between 1938 and 1940 looking at the key events. In Maths, we have recapped our times tables and used our problem solving knowledge to group sheep... In Literacy we have practised editing pieces of work and using capital letters and full stops.

**Year 6** Our first week in Y6 went a little bit like this... On Tuesday, we started off with some puzzling sheets. Later on in Music, we began to play the C and F chords on the ukulele. We then went outside to start our new games activities which was tag rugby. The following morning, we kicked off the day with some problem solving. Miss Elliott then told us a story about The Lost Thing which had many morals. We watched a video about what England looked like before and after the Industrial Revolution and came up with some words and phrases to describe the scenes. The next day, we worked hard during our maths quiz and did some role play as main characters in The Lost Thing.

**Music** The children are back in fine voice and raised the roof singing Welcome Songs this morning. We are very excited to be taking part in another Young Voices concert in January. This time we will be performing at the Birmingham Arena. We have made a good start to our music topics as well as learning to play musical instruments. Y3 are learning the recorder, Y4 will be learning the keyboard, Y5 will be brushing up on their recorder skills and Y6 are learning chords on the ukulele.