

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week in EYFS we have been continuing with our story 'cops and robbers'; designing our own wanted posters for the robbers and challenging ourselves to write simple words, labels and captions. We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and how different families may celebrate it. We created our own dragon puppets and masks and, on Thursday, had an opportunity to try some different foods and did a special dragon dance to music in the hall. In Maths we have been thinking about numbers 6, 7 and 8- we watched the numberblock episodes and then used cubes and counters to represent these numbers in different ways. Next week we will learn about numberblock 9 and 10.

**Year 1** This half term is flying by in Year 1! In English we have been using the word 'and' to join ideas, we have been describing characters using adjectives, using 'ing' to make a new word and adding 'ed' to a word to change it into past tense. In Maths we are beginning to partition numbers to 10 using a part, part, whole model. In Art we have been finishing our beautiful paintings. We have used cold colours for the sea, hot colours for the sunset and we created silhouettes using black paper. In History we looked at Grace Darling's life and ordered events on a timeline. In PSHE we have been understanding what 'my community' means. Next week we will be carrying out a Science experiment which is very exciting ☺

**Year 2** This week in Year 2, we have had a big focus on letter formation and hand writing. We are secret agents in training and we need to crack the coding machine with the correct letter formations! Any practice with this at home is much appreciated! In maths this week, we have revisited our knowledge of 2D shapes and made lines of symmetry in Forest School. We also started creating our own robots to transport an object from end of the table to the other. Next week, we will be using an example and modifying the robot to look unique and practical for the task!

**Year 3** We are really proud of the year 3 children this week. They have been working so hard. In our maths lessons we have been learning to add numbers using the column method for the first time. We have got as far as adding three digit numbers now and they are doing brilliantly with it. In our English lessons we have continued to learn about Johnny Gloke. We have written descriptions of the characters using a range of adjectives and we are trying hard to include adverbs in our writing. On Monday we travelled back in time to the Great Plague in 1665. We talked about living in London at that time and how it would've felt. We also talked about the Great Fire of London the following year and the impact it had. The children had some really interesting thoughts about it all.

**Year 4** The classrooms have been a buzz of excitement this week as we have been lucky enough to explore artefacts on loan from Sutton Hoo. One of the activities involved asking the children what they thought items were used for and made from: this caused great discussion around our key enquiry which is: 'Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a 'Dark Age'? Hockey outside was challenging this week, with the fierce wind, but the children, and staff, persevered and honed the skills Mr Puckey, Miss Davies and Mrs Tudor have taught them. PSHE continued the topic Healthy and Safer Lifestyles with discussions around how we can keep our body healthy and balanced. We also discussed the harm tobacco and alcohol can have on the body. The children in Year 4 have been incredibly mature with their questioning and understanding of the importance of healthy choices on the body. We are striving to win the reading trophy in school and encourage children to read as much as they can at home too. Don't forget the children can read anything: a map, road signs, magazines, instructions!

**Year 5** This week, in history, Year 5 have been studying what happened in The Blitz and how it affected the people of Britain. In English, we have learned how adverbials work and have then applied them in our work. We have been converting between units of measure and multiplying decimals by whole numbers in maths. As well as all of this, we have put the finishing touches to our street dance routines ready for our final performance next week!

**Year 6** **This week, in English**, we have been writing character dialogue, using inverted commas. We know that the words a character says often tells us about the character's personality. **This week in Maths** we have been extending our skills in algebra. We have been understanding equations and expressions, working out the values of letters and shapes. It has really extended our thinking. **In our Topic**, we have been learning to identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude and the Equator. In RE, discussed the concepts of reincarnation and emancipation from life. **Next week in English**, we will be writing 'the missing part' of The Watertower by Gary Crew. Please remember to log into Readwriter – children should all aim to learn the Y5/6 spelling words, along with our spelling pattern for this week. **In Maths**, we will continue to work on our algebra skills and we will challenge ourselves with 2-step problems. Children should please log into Mathletics and TTRS regularly to help consolidate your learning.

**Safer internet Day** is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and we will be discussing the importance of keeping safe when we are playing games online. In **Art**, we will look at the work by Peter Thorpe, space artist.

**Music** The Word of the Week is 'Diminuendo' which is a dynamic marking meaning gradually getting quieter.

In Year 3 this week we listened and appraised 54-46 By Toots and the Maytals and noticed which features were typically reggae. We improvised a riff on the glockenspiels and then composed our own riff pattern as a class. In Year 4 we listened to a Mazurka by Chopin then had a go at composing our own. A Mazurka is in 3 beats in a bar and has an oom cha cha feel to it. In Year 5 we learnt a traditional song, 'Little Brown Jug' then investigated how Glenn Miller created a set of variations to change the mood. In Year 6 we learnt how to play the main motif on the recorder from Venus, Bringer of Peace (Holst – The Planet Suite) and then composed and played our own 4 note motif.