

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** What an exciting week! The children have met their new teacher and classroom, having great fun making new memories ready for September. Alongside their transition, the children have been observing the transition of our class caterpillars. Finally we were able to see the butterflies emerge from their cocoons, feasting on flowers and sugar water before then flying off as the children set them free outside. In the environment the children have been a buzz writing and problem solving throughout the week. They have begun discussing the place value of teen numbers using our outdoor dienes and even recording this using posters. Why not see if you can spot any teen numbers on your walk home from school next week.

**Year 1** Year 1 had a fabulous time at sports day this week! The children were very excited to have a go at each activity and collect points for their houses! Well done to all the children for taking part and showing great sportsmanship towards each other and thank you to all the family and friends who came to support. In other news, this week the children have had the opportunity to experience their new classrooms and meet their new teachers in preparation for the next academic year. In Maths, we have been using balancing scales and non standard units to understand the concept of mass and weight. In Literacy, we have been writing the ingredients and instructions needed to make our favourite sandwich.

**Year 2** This week in Year 2, we had a fantastic sports day. It was great to see all the children involved in so many different sporting activities. In English, we have been reading the text 'Meerkat Mail'. We have been discussing why Sunny the Meerkat wants to leave his home in the Kalahari Desert and thinking about why he should stay with his family. We have also been writing about how we feel if we go away from our families or stay somewhere new. In Maths, we have been telling and recording the time on clock faces and adding hours to the time. In our topic, we have created African sunset pictures with silhouettes and we wrote Lion FactFiles.

**Year 3** This week we have had a very 'arty' week. First the children looked at a piece of Renaissance art by the artist Jacopo del Sellaio called Psyche and Cupid which was influenced by the Roman myth. The story was told as a continuous narrative without any words. The children were inspired by the story, the figures and the composition and as a result of this created their own continuous narrative about the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. We are hoping that the wonderful art work we have created will be exhibited at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as part of their 'Inspire 2020' project to inspire primary school children to create collaborative art. As well as this, we completed art work for our carnival float based on toys from the 1960s. What a busy week and we are very proud of the children's creative abilities. All the children seemed happy on 'Jump Up' day.

**Year 4** Year 4 had a fantastic time at Thorpe Woodlands last week - there were some very tired teachers and children on the bus home. The children who stayed at school also had an amazing time and really enjoyed everything they did. The children have got stuck back into their learning, looking at reported and direct speech. We thought about what the frogs would be saying during their Tuesday adventure. In Maths, we have returned to decimals and multiplying and dividing by 10s, 100s and 1000s. In Science, we have been investigating conductors and insulators when building a circuit. In PE, we have been playing games of cricket with some much improved batting and fielding. We have also been doing our art work ready for the carnival.

**Year 5** This week in year 5 has been a very busy week for us! We've had a great week getting excited about meeting our new teachers and reflecting on our memories in year 5. Next week we look forward to learning about positive relationships and publishing our persuasive letters.

**Year 6** We are nearly there! The set looks absolutely amazing! Our lines are learned! The songs are almost learnt and just a little more work is required on our singing and dancing. It has been team work all the way and we are excited to be performing next week. Our creative juices are overflowing as, in the midst of all this, we are also thinking about carnival, transition visits to St Ivo and managing to still get in some Topic work and Philosophy lessons! It's fair to say that in Year 6 we bring a whole new meaning to the phrase, 'multi-tasking!'

**Music** As it was Jump Up Morning on Thursday there was no music for Y5! The other year groups have been busy, however. Y6 have been putting the final touches to their show songs ready for next week. We have thought about techniques for remembering words, projecting our voices and adding character. In Y3 we have nearly learnt all the verses for our Dragon Song. We have been improvising using question and answer phrases on our recorders. In Y4 we have been exploring sounds on the keyboards for our Iron Man chords and have started composing ostinato phrases to describe the scene.