

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** We have had a lovely week in Early Years. We have been comparing photos from the past and present and writing facts about the Queen. Next Monday morning, we will be preparing for the Platinum Jubilee by making crowns and flags. We are VERY excited for our party Monday afternoon! During our busy learning, we have been making castles out of recycled materials. In Maths, we have been using the language 'more' and 'fewer' to compare amounts. The children were very happy to return to forest school this week! We discussed how our surroundings have changed across the seasons.

**Year 1** Year 1 have had a super week in the sunshine. In maths we have been doubling and halving numbers and using near double to help us work out calculations. In English, we have been planning our own version of The Birthday Crown and have fun imagining the different hats and crowns the Queen might wear for her Platinum Jubilee. In science we have been looking how we measure and record weather. We have made rain gauges to measure any rain that falls over the next week. In history we have been making bunting in preparation for our Jubilee Party next Monday. In art we have continued our sewing, the children have loved this project and have really impressed us with their amazing sewing skills. In RE we have been looking at the religion of Hinduism.

**Year 2** Year 2 have been taking their Secret Agent Tasks this week and what a super-secret week it has been! The children have been amazing and we are all SO proud of their attitude, resilience and commitment to becoming a Secret Agent! We also managed to squeeze in chopping, peeling, slicing and grating skills into the week! Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with you wearing our red, white and blue!

**Year 3** Another fantastic week in Year 3! We have deepened our understanding of fractions in maths, looking at how to order them in both ascending and descending order. We have continued with our work on Pompeii in English, exploring how inverted commas are used within speech. The children have shown just how resilient and creative they can be, beginning to construct conversation between the two main characters. Moreover, we have put our dancing shoes on (or Roman amour) and combined routines in our dance lessons - focusing on moving in unison, cannon and formation. Additionally, Juniper class produced a wonderful assembly, which Hazel class loved watching. The children were able to showcase how much fantastic learning has taken place already this academic year, highlighting the superstars they all are!

**Year 4** Year 4 staff and pupils said a fond farewell to the student teacher Miss Munir this week, she certainly made an impact with the children of Larch class and we all wish her good luck. Fractions can sometimes feel a bit daunting, but Maple and Larch class have taken it all in their stride and wowed us with their understanding of fractions. At Wheatfields, we offer the children a variety of resources to enhance their learning, which the children are keen to explore and use. For our fractions work, we have been using Cuisenaire rods, which some of you may remember from your days at school. The hands-on approaches really encourages the children's independence and curiosity. English has seen the children writing persuasive letters to Hogarth's father attempting to persuade him to let the Iron Man live in the scrap metal yard. You may have noticed that your children have been using flattery, emotive language and rhetorical questions on you at home!

**Year 5** What a super week Year 5 have had full of sunshine and hard work from the children. We have many budding writers among us, and it was clear to see their progression when they put pen to paper creating discussion texts around our rainforest topic. We are so proud of both classes for producing such amazing pieces for their English. Year 5 should be very proud too! Geography continued with an exploration into rainforest flora and fauna with the children creating fact files to showcase their knowledge! We can't wait to display them! Year 5 have also impressed Mr. Puckey with their rounders skills which they have been developing. Keep it up Year 5!

**Year 6** WOW, what a busy week Year 6 had with Yearbook, production, English, Jubilee celebrations and much more. There is no stopping Year 6 now!!! Our Year book blurb was a lovely trip down the memory lane; we loved reminiscing about our time at Wheatfields Primary and sharing our hopes and aspirations for future. It was great to hear children talk about their time in previous year groups. We have started recording auditions for this year's production and yes, it is a secret!!! Jubilee celebrations are also in full motion 🥳 and we are ready to start the party on Monday. Year 6, you are amazing!

**Music** The Word of the Week is 'legato'. This is an articulation term meaning to play notes smoothly. It is often indicated by a curved line, which is a slur. We have been practising singing and playing in a legato style. Year 3 are making fantastic progress on the recorder. They can already play B, A and G and gave an impressive rendition of 'Hot Cross Buns' this week. We learnt about another composer who was around at the same time as Mozart; Joseph Bologne, Chevalier St Georges. His fascinating story can be found by googling his name and BBC Ten Pieces. In Year 4, we learnt about the Promenade music which links Mussorgsky's pictures together. We had a go at playing it on the

glockenspiels. In Year 5, we learnt the second djembe pattern for the rhythm, 'Kuku'. We are starting to put our patterns into a sequence. In Year 6 we started our SAMBA topic by learning the names of the instruments and a short rhythmic phrase for each one. We played these patterns at the same time to create a polyrhythm. We were impressive for our first attempt ... it is not easy! We have also started to learn our songs for the summer show!