

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who attended our curriculum meeting on Wednesday. We hope you enjoy the packs that were provided and the children showcase all of their fantastic talents using the resources provided. If you were unable to attend the meeting please see your class teacher for your child's pack. This week the children have been superstars at lunchtime! Every child has used beautiful manners, gobbled up their delicious menu and of course made lots of new friends out on the playground. We couldn't be prouder of how kind and courteous they have been towards one another in addition to their resilience whilst experiencing being in school full time. In Maths this week the children have been focusing on how they can represent numbers to 5 in different ways. Why not look out for representations of numbers in your own home e.g. two taps or 1 handle. The children have also been exploring cursive formation in Literacy linked to their name. We will be practising our names around the classroom environment next week so please do encourage them to use their name template in your pack to support them.

Year 1 This week in Literacy we read the story of 'Traction Man' and were introduced to some of the special characters from the story. We were able to retell the story by ordering the main events using pictures. In Maths we have been using number rhymes to help us remember how to form our numbers correctly. We have also looked at the meaning of more and less and had a go at estimating different quantities. In Phonics we have learnt a new digraph 'ir' and as a class discussed parallels with this and the sounds 'er' and 'ur' that we had previously learnt.

Year 2 We have written our stories and have edited them! The children have used conjunctions, basic punctuation, past tense verbs and subject specific vocabulary to write amazing stories based upon 'The Knight & the Dragon'. In Maths the good fight against number has continued and we have been using a new style of 'part, part, whole' to identify digit values as well as making different number combinations in order to make a particular value! In Topic we have learnt why castles were built, focusing on the Norman conquest of England, and even how to attack a castle! In PE we have continued our work with agility, balance and coordination with the children specifically focusing on the ability to use/move into space! In spellings the year group have continued to work hard in understanding different variations of homophones and the identified words of the week! Roll on next week!

Year 3 Year 3 have been busy continuing their learning about the Stone Age, realising that not everyone lived in a cave! It all depended on what materials were nearby. Around here the homes would be made of wood, reeds and animal hides. But on Orkney north of Scotland houses were made from stone and still exist today at Skara Brae. Many thanks to Grace's dad who brought in some original Stone Age artifacts for us to look at. What experts we are going to become! In Literacy we've been using our book, Stone Age Boy, to make our own sentences especially exciting, looking particularly at our sentence openings. Times tables can be tricky to learn but we've been finding out that patterns can help us remember these number facts. We're trying not to draw pictures for every division or multiplication problem. Don't forget it's our trip to Flag Fen on Thursday - school uniform please with sensible shoes for walking.

Year 4 Year 4 have been looking at similes and writing detailed descriptions of the Witch and Jub. We got to interview Jub and the Witch and ask them questions to find out how they are feeling. In maths we have been exploring place value up to 4-digit numbers. We have compared and ordered numbers and placed them on number lines. We have also added numbers by partitioning. In Science we have found out how we hear by looking at parts of the ear. We have also explored how vibrations travel. In PE we have been working on our tag rugby skills by learning how to hold, throw and catch a rugby ball.

Year 5 This week Year 5 has started the genre of 'Newspaper Reports', to be able to write a Newspaper Report on 'Rose Blanche's disappearance' - based on the text 'Rose Blanche'. We have been looking at the structural and language features of Newspapers Reports and acting out to be reporters. Who would have thought that asking questions about a missing person would take us into the land of mystery and danger, where we will be meeting the children in concentration camps! The maturity of thoughts shared by the children has shown their level of understanding for 'empathy' that is also interlinked with PSHE curriculum. In Maths, we have been learning about place value; numbers up to a million, rounding to the nearest 10/ 100/ 1000, comparing and ordering different numbers up to a million and negative numbers. Both classes have worked really hard to improve their reasoning skills which are an important part of the new Maths Curriculum 2014. With the perspective of improving Year 5's writing skills, we have been collecting facts about Winston Churchill and will be writing a biography in Topic books. Another area of curriculum is PE, children are really enjoying the fast paced lessons with St Neots' Sports Partnership and developing their understanding for the physical skills involved in any sport. Miss Vickers and Mrs Khan feel very proud of both classes and would like to keep challenging them in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 6 After initially feeling somewhat frazzled by 'Algebra,' we are feeling more confident at working out missing numbers! BODMAS was next on the Maths menu, as we learned the order of operations in calculations. In Literacy we have been busy re-writing the end to our class text, 'The Lost Thing,' letting our imaginations run wild. To conclude, we wrote a diary entry, in character, with a focus on feelings and thoughts, having first spent some time reviewing the features and structure of a diary recount. We have thoroughly enjoyed designing and painting our own 'lost things and have an array of weird and wonderful 'lost things.' We hope to put some on display soon so look out for them when you are next in school.

Music Y3 have now listened to The Tortoise, The Aviary and The Cuckoo from 'The Carnival of the Animals'. They have been describing music through pitch, dynamics and the instruments used (timbre). In Y4 we are reading standard notation in order to play melodies on the keyboard. We are also getting better at improvising using notes with our right hand. In Y5 we continued to learn about semitones and the chromatic scale and worked out how to play the beginning of 'We'll Meet Again' on the glockenspiel. We sang 'We're Gonna Hang Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line' and Mrs Merson has asked us to find out about the Siegfried Line at home! Our Y6 musicians added the G chord this week and some of us can already sing and play a 12 Bar Blues song!