

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** The children have had a fantastic week celebrating Chinese New Year. Amongst trying some of the traditional dishes, writing their own food reviews and taking part in a lantern celebration, the children also built their own dragon head to perform and create a traditional dance in the hall. We have all had a great time linking some of the traditions linked to Chinese New Year to our own celebrations such as having a special meal at Christmas time or dressing up on our birthdays. We were very impressed by the children's ability to make links and connections to their own experiences. Why not continue these discussions at home and see what connections you can make together. We would also like to take this time to celebrate the children's progress this half term. We are seeing lots more confidence in applying phonics sounds to read and write across the environment and of course their fantastic effort in beginning to learn and use their knowledge of teen numbers. See how many you can spot over your half term when you're out and about!

**Year 1** Wow! What an amazing 6 weeks it has been in Year 1. Well done to Class 3 who successfully performed their assembly and did a wonderful job this week! Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and who helped with learning lines at home. In maths this week we continued to learn about the different 3D shapes and their properties. The teachers have been busy quizzing the children everyday to see how well they can remember the names of the taught 3D shapes. Bonus points were given for stating the properties of the 3D shapes. In Literacy we have planned for and written our non chronological reports about nocturnal animals. In phonics we reviewed the /aw/ sound and practised reading it in 'real' words and 'beegu/alien' words. Well done Year 1 for your hard work and tenacity so far this term. We hope you all have a restful and refreshing half term break. We look forward to seeing you all in the next half of the spring term.

**Year 2** In Year 2, we have been using our knowledge of timetables and counting in 2's, 10's and 5's in real life problems eg **Tubes of bubbles come in packs of 2 and 4. Lilly has 22 tubes. How many of each pack could she have? How many different ways can you do it?** Please help your child to work through some problems like this. Please also give your child opportunities to have a go at **Mathletics** (their passwords are in their reading records). It will really help them make progress in their Maths. In English, we have completed our learning about space stories and the children have written some wonderfully imaginative stories about space, using time connectives to show how the story moves on. Most children are remembering to use the **past tense** as they write their stories (I ate my lunch with the purple, spotty and tall alien). We have completed **character descriptions** and **setting descriptions** using great adjectives and some of us have begun to use **commas in lists** correctly. In topic, we have been completed our sewn planets. Some of us found sewing a little challenging but they children displayed great resilience and the results are all marvellous and creative. In RE this week, we have been finding out about people in Christianity. On Monday 25th February at 2.20pm we have a SATS meeting which we hope you will find informative. We do hope that you are able to come along. We are also holding a WOW day for our new topic 'Emergency' – details are in the homework book on Friday.

**Year 3** What a busy time it's been in year 3. We have managed to get all our assessments done - GASP! The children show great resilience in stepping up to these challenges. Well done year 3! The rest of the week has been filled with wonderfully creative activities. We've learnt all about the legend of the Giant's Causeway and where in the world it is. We were intrigued by the soda bread Finn's wife made and then had a go at making some ourselves. We tasted the basic soda bread we made and then designed our own flavoured bread, showing off our writing skills to pen our own recipes. In RE we have been designing our own prayer mats complete with woolen fringes. There were some amazing patterns created. Oh yes! And in maths we've been investigation perimeters of shapes both inside and outside the class room. Happy half term everyone, you deserve it!

**Year 4** Year 4 have had a busy end of the half term. Miss Hammond and Mrs Tudor were blown away by the incredible homework the children produced, they are proudly on display for the rest of the school to see. We have been writing our own Viking stories this week by writing a chapter a day, the children have really enjoyed adding detail and showing off all their writing skills including fronted adverbial phrases, inverted commas and expanded noun phrases. In maths we have completed our assessments and looked at converting between ml and L. Keep practising those times tables and as we will be testing them again after half term. We have designed and painted our own Viking shields, which look fantastic! We are looking forward to hearing your public speaking speeches when you come back.

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have been planning and writing our story from a different point of view. We have transformed ourselves into one of the animals from The Great Kapok Tree and we have written the events of the story from the animal's side of things. We have used all of our literary devices to create a wonderfully enticing narrative. In science we have discussed what we know about the seven life processes and have looked at the animal classifications and shared what we know. We wish you all a restful half term! Mrs Khan & Miss Vickers.

**Year 6** We have learned about the need for speed this week! Whilst we have completed our half term assessments, some of us have struggled with completing papers in the given time, particularly the Reading paper. Some of us only managed to complete half of the questions posed, which was disappointing as we were quite thorough with the questions we did answer! This is an area we will be working on next half term. In Mathematics we have been reviewing properties of 2D shapes and quadrilaterals. In addition we have reminded ourselves about the properties of triangles, the angles in a triangle as well as angles on a straight line. We are concluding our work on The Watertower by writing a narrative to complete the story. Our teachers are very excited to read the outcomes as the quality of our writing has improved, as has our stamina to sustain writing for a period of time. A report on a new planet concludes our Topic work, after we recapped on the language features / layout of report writing. We are thankful for half term, time to take a breather and prepare our speeches for the Public Speaking competition.

**Music** Y3 completed their course about Reggae music this week by practising their compositions and playing along with 'Three Little Birds'. They also taught their composition to a new partner and made great progress with their recorder notes. Year 4 practised their Mazurka compositions and some children managed to play their piece using two hands! The children had a chance to play to their strengths and choose whether they wrote a paragraph about Chopin, wrote out their Mazurka in standard notation or spent some time practising their pieces on the keyboard. Y5 are becoming more comfortable with the Kuku djembe pattern and are now creating more interesting rhythms during improvising. We are also singing 'Si Si Si', an African song which splits into 2 parts. In Y6 this week we worked in groups to compose music based on Mercury by Gustav Holst. It was a complete contrast to Venus as Mercury is the Winged Messenger. We are becoming experts at creating motifs and working together in an ensemble.