

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** What a week! Reception were visited by Captain Morgan of the ship mathematics, who had been stranded in St Ives after a horrific thunderstorm whilst looking for treasure on Cloud Island. The children were captivated by his visit and helped him solve the clues using problem solving in order to locate the diamonds. Alongside this problem solving the children were inspired to build their very own ship mathematics that had a numicon dungeon, numbered windows and even used different shapes to create flags to warn off other pirates! They wrote letters to Captain Morgan, designed their own treasure maps and wrote some fantastic adventure stories. Please ask the children to tell you all about their adventures and why not see if you can spot Captain Morgan sailing by when you're out and about.

**Year 1** In Year 1 this week we have been solving lots of maths problems that would help Captain Morgan find his 10 silver coins! We have started to learn how to solve addition problems with a ten frame that helps the children to count accurately. In Literacy, we have been told about the non-chronological report that we are going to be creating next week before our trip to Whipsnade Zoo next Friday! We have been researching these animals so that we have the key facts that we need to create this piece of text. In Phonics, we have been looking at the sound 'oa' and looking at the alternative spellings that also make the same sound. In Science this week we have been looking at different animals and why they are classed as pets and not wild animals.

**Year 2** This week has been a very exciting week. In Maths we have begun remembering our facts about fractions, particularly what a whole, half and a quarter represent! In Literacy the children have continued to base their learning on the Charlie and Lola book "I'm really ever not so well." This week the children have learnt about adverbs and imperative verbs in order to write a set of instructions for Charlie to give Lola medicine that they designed! In our History lessons, both classes compared the impact Florence Nightingale had on the hospitals she visited in the Crimea and how these impacts have effected modern day hospitals. In PE the cohort have continued to learn the skills required to play Hockey and have practised their grips on Hockey sticks as well as passing bean bags using the Hockey sticks!

**Year 3** This week it has been Maths week so we have enjoyed lots of different maths activities. We started the week with problem solving, using all we had learned about mental and written strategies to solve them. On Tuesday Captain Morgan came in to school to set each year group a conundrum to solve using maps and co-ordinates to find his treasure. It was very exciting. We finished off the week with 2D shape investigations, Polyominoes and Tangrams. What a week of maths! During our topic on London this week we learned about the 'Great Plague' and discussed how spread and how it devastated the population at that time.

**Year 4** Year 4 have really got stuck into perimeter and area this week. We have done lots of investigating and problem solving and have really enjoyed looking at maths in a slightly different way. We will be moving on to time next week, so have a practise over the weekend of reading the analogue and digital as well as 12 and 24 hour times. We have really enjoyed maths weeks, finding out all the different things we could do in 1 minute, and having our maths skills tested by Captain Morgan. We have even created maths art work. In literacy we have looked closely at sub-headings, topic sentences and what makes a good paragraph. We have been editing and improving some Viking writing. Well done to those children who made it through to the Year group public speaking final, the standard was very high and we are delighted that five children have made it through to the key stage final.

**Year 5** Math's week!!! Conundrums, problems to solve, treasure to find and a Captain called Morgan to help! We had a visit from a pirate this week whose ship crashed landed into St Ives! As we are problem solving masters, we helped Captain Morgan find his beloved cutlass by cracking Captain Cutlass' tricky code. We also focused our efforts this week on a book called 'How big is a million?' and created posters to share our understanding of the 6 digit number. We also found time to share our ideas about the Varmints as we are still trying to unpick the message the author is sharing with us... Next week, we have a very special guest coming in!

**Year 6** A highlight of the week was helping Captain Morgan locate his missing treasure on Tuesday as part of Maths week! We worked together in small groups to crack codes, which enabled us to identify the missing treasure as Sapphires and the location, 'Palm Tree Glade.' In Literacy we have started a trilogy of books, the first instalment being, 'I Want My Hat Back.' This has proved to be a book with very little but yet so much! Confused? Don't be! It was a simple book that did not describe the main character, setting or have a build up and certainly did not have a resolution, although we did predict what we thought might have happened. We have moved on from LCM, HCF and Prime numbers in Mathematics and are now learning about all things 'statistics.' A visit from the Gen8 team on Thursday concluded what has been a very busy week!

**Music** A huge shout out to all the musicians who performed in the Spring Concert on Wednesday evening. Many of our performers were taking the stage for the first time and all played their pieces with aplomb! We also had our more experienced musicians performing in the Biscuit Band and the Wednesday Boys. Well done to Haven for signing to the Wednesday Boys' performance of 'A Million Dreams'. All five of our visiting instrumental teachers had given up their time to be at the concert and to support the children.