

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS has been RAWRSOME! We had our first school trip to the dinosaur park on Tuesday and despite the wet, cold weather we had the most fabulous time. The children had an opportunity to dig for bones, decorate and eat a biscuit and make dinosaur slime! We also had free time to explore the park and see the different dinosaurs through the river tour and tree top ride. On Wednesday, Class One made us all proud with their dinosaur themed class assembly and fabulous singing and dancing skills. It has been a very busy week but we have all enjoyed every moment! We are very proud of the children and also wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of our adult volunteers who helped us on our trip.

Year 1 This week in Year 1, we have been looking closely at our text 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children have been writing the story in their own words to become familiar with the story ready to create their own next week. They have also been extending their sentences using the words, 'and', 'but' and 'because'. In Maths this week, the children have been learning about arrays to help them with their multiplication, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also begun to look at doubling as another form of multiplication. In Science this week the children have been exploring different materials ready to think about materials that they can use to create a good basket for Mr Grinling.

Year 2 In Year 2, we have been sharing the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. We have written a book review and a description of Handa's village. We retold the story and wrote a letter from Handa to the animals, asking for her fruit back. In Maths, we have been problem solving using the 4 operations. In our 'Wild Africa' topic, we have been classifying different animals. We have been delighted with some of the creative projects that the children have started to bring in. We look forward to receiving lots more next week.

Year 3 This week we have been learning about Roman numerals and how the Romans used letters instead of numbers. The children had to work out the numbers and solve the code to complete a picture. In Maths this week, we have been subtracting 3 digit numbers by counting on a number line and we have also been discussing different ways to subtract numbers such as using mental strategies and counting back on a number line.

Year 4 In Literacy this week we have been thinking about the character of Hogarth. We have planned and written a diary explaining how we felt when we caught the Iron Man. We have used lots of our writing skills and included alliteration, similes and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have looked at fractions and decimals and the relationships between the two. We also ordered negative numbers and looked at reading temperatures. We have been getting ready for sports day and improving our batting skills in cricket. We are really looking forward to sports day on Tuesday; don't forget to wear your house colour top!

Year 5 What a wet and windy week it has been! But never fear. Year 5 are here to use all of their persuasive powers they've been learning to persuade the sun to come out to play! We have enjoyed writing our persuasive letter from the point of view of an Ancient Egyptian civilian. In Maths, we have enjoyed learning about percentages, fractions and decimals and have been sharing our knowledge with the visitors who have visited our class. Next week we are looking forward to participating in sports day IF the weather stays dry!!!

Year 6 Some career decisions were made this week after our Science workshop! We have been learning about the Circulatory system, thinking particularly about the function of the heart and lungs. To bring our learning to life, on Wednesday we were very fortunate to see and examine a heart, lung, trachea and part of the diaphragm of a lamb. It left many of us somewhat squeamish and we realised that a career in Medicine or Science was not an option but it was amazing. Did you know that a whale's heart is the size of a small car compared to a human heart, which is 'fist' size? Its aorta (main artery) is large enough for a human to swim through! In our Philosophy session we argued, in a civilized way of course, in the form of a debate! We were divided into 2 teams and argued for 'democracy' or 'autocracy' and then swapped sides and argued again! It was brilliant, as we learned to keep an open mind and listen to each other even if we already had a bias towards one or the other. Rehearsals continued for our end of year production and the realisation that we have so much to do in just a few weeks but right now **we need to learn our lines!**

Music We have had fun learning the Dragon song in Y3 and accompanied on our recorders this week. We are getting so good at reading rhythms too! In Y4 we have investigated minor chords at different pitches on the keyboard and have thought how they could be used to describe scenes from The Iron Man. In Y5 we learnt a traditional Egyptian rhythm and thought about how we can teach ourselves using different techniques. Many of us are putting the final touches to our performances ready for the School Concert next Wednesday!