

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** We have squeezed lots of learning into our four-day week! On Tuesday, we introduced our focus book for this half term, which is 'The Birthday Crown' by Davide Cali. We discussed what we already know about the Queen and the Royal Family, we made predictions based on the front cover and explored new vocabulary in the book. In Maths, we have continued working on our addition. At this point in the year, children are being encouraged to write as much as possible. For example, if they make a fabulous creation in the construction area, they are challenged to write a caption for their model. We are thoroughly enjoying our weekly guided reading sessions as they allow us to put our phonic knowledge into practise. We have seen some super segmenting and blending this week! In PE, we are preparing for Sports Day, which is next half term. This includes teamwork games, running races, jumping and throwing javelins. Beech class have been preparing for their class assembly next Wednesday and Ash class are looking forward to being their audience along with the parents!

**Year 1** Year 1 are full of beans this week! In English we have started work on our new book 'The Birthday Crown' we really enjoying looking at and discussing the different crowns people had made for the queen and choosing our favourite one. The chocolate crown proved to be very popular. In maths, we have been finding one more and one less than a number and finding missing numbers. In science we have continued our work looking at the weather and how it changes, in history we have look at significant events that have taken place over the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. In art, we have finished making our crown jewels out of clay ready to paint and decorate them. We have enjoyed playing many different competitions with Mr Puckey in PE and looking at Christianity with Mrs Redding in RE. Beech class have also been working really hard to practice their class assembly ready for next week.

**Year 2** The Year 2 children are cooking up a storm this week with their very own Monster Soup recipes! We have used wriggly worms, wood-chopping woodlice, scrumptious spiders and aggressive ants! We hope the monster will like our recipes. In Maths, we have had a week recapping what we have learnt in shapes and fractions. In Science, we were making observations of our beans growing in our classrooms. We looked up some vegetables salads for research and inspiration for when we get to make our own. Next week we are starting our music topic (chime bars and composition), having our very own tasting test, and designing our salads in DT.

**Year 3** This week has been very busy in year 3. We have starting to read our new text 'Escape from Pompeii'. The text is based around the city of Pompeii in Roman times and tells the story of Tranio and Livia who are children that escaped from the city when Vesuvius erupted. This is the start of our Roman topic that we will be enjoying for the next few weeks. In maths, we have been continuing with our learning about fractions. The children are now using terms like denominator and numerator confidently. Our history topic is getting very exciting. This week we have started to learn about the Roman invasion. Not everyone was happy to hear that the Romans were coming. Boudicca, who led the Iceni tribe, wanted to stop the Romans at all costs. We have enjoyed finding out about this although we know it must have been very frightening at the time.

**Year 4** What a wonderful week Year 4 have had! Firstly, we would like to thank all the adults who were able to come and see the Larch class assembly on Wednesday. The children loved sharing their learning with you! This week, we have been learning about pilgrimages in our RE. We have started our new unit by discussing special journeys and Pilgrimages to holy places. In PSHE was have also started a new topic about healthy lifestyles. We have discussed healthy choices in relation to food, physical activity, leisure and rest. The children have shared some interesting ideas and are looking forward to the rest of the unit. In our English, we have started a unit on persuasive writing and given the children the task of writing a letter to persuade Mrs Thornton that Year 4 can be responsible and have their playground equipment back. Fingers crossed their persuasive arguments work!

**Year 5** Although the week has been short, Year 5 have managed to pack lots in. In English we have been learning our example discussion text 'Should we ban plastic to help save the environment?' using text maps. In maths, we have been finding fractions of quantities with Rowan class demonstrating their maths mastery to some special visitors on Tuesday. We have been continuing to investigate rainforests in geography by asking 'Why are rainforests important to the world?' and have continued with our epic telling of 'The Odyssey' in philosophy. To finish of the week, we are looking forward to continuing our Year 5 rounders tournament in games - weather allowing! A busy four days for Year 5!

**Year 6** Time flies when we are having fun! J Another amazing week in Year 6! The children have been working so hard to be prepared for their SATS and we are so proud of them. In maths, we have been revising all four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages and 3-D shapes. In English, we have been revising modal verbs, active passive voice, sub-ordinating conjunctions, prepositions and determiners. In addition, we have been coding and programming using Scratch. We have been researching and exploring ancient Greeks in History. During PSHE, we have been reflecting on the experience of learning a new skill and know how to apply it in different contexts. Well done Year 6, keep up all the hard work.

**Music** The Word of the Week is 'Scale'. A scale is a set of notes organised by their pitch. There are many different scales and when we use the notes, they create different moods of music. In Year 3, we listened to the Clarinet Concerto by Mozart and learnt about his later life. We learnt how to play A on the recorder and started to play a new tune using A and B. In Year 6, we rehearsed and performed our Planet compositions. They are the culmination of a lot of musical learning and we are pleased with our results. Year 4 and 5 did not have a music lesson this week as the Singing Starz went to the O2 Arena to perform in the Young Voices concert. We have been waiting for this for such a long time but it was well worth the wait!