

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** We have started our new 'Human Body' topic in EYFS this week. The children were very excited to share their knowledge and asked some very interesting questions which we hope to answer during the next two weeks. Our focus has been using non-fiction books to obtain information and revise the features of these text types, which we hope the children will continue to do at home. Our Art is also linked to the topic and the children are creating skeletons using straws, pasta and cotton buds. The pupils are really engaged with their writing and are very proud to share the wonderful sentences that they have been creating. They have been choosing to write about activities after school, objects that they have constructed and even the lovely British weather. We hope the children can practise their handwriting and sentences at home, perhaps sharing what they have done over the sunny Bank Holiday! Using our food diaries, the children have been acquiring the skills to create pictograms and tally charts to explore their favourite foods and colours.

**Year 1** Bing, Bang, Bosh! The Year 1 children have written another amazing story! This time they have innovated the plot from the Bog Baby and have created their own pieces of fictional writing. The children have used 'and' to join clauses, attempted to add the prefix 'un' to root words, used adjectives to add description to their sentences as well as using capital letters and full stops to demarcate their sentences! In Maths the children have learnt to multiply and divide. They have been using "bars" to multiply groups of numbers as well as dividing them. Maybe they could show you how to do this! In Phonics the children have been practising all the different spellings of the sound ie. Did you know there are five different ways to spell this sound?! To cap the week off, the children have been looking at the importance of trees for humans and other living creatures. Roll on next week!

**Year 2** Year 2 have been in full swing this week designing and planning their moving vehicles. Within DT the children have been planning their own projects based on the objective to design and make a moving vehicle. They have been comparing materials, size and weight when thinking about their designs and towards the end of this week, have even begun their construction. We are so impressed with their methodical thinking and their ability to test out different methods when constructing and compiling their materials. We can't wait to see the end results!

**Year 3** This week Year 3 have been busy with all things time related! Analogue time, digital time - we have even been challenging ourselves to tell the time using the 12 and 24 hour clock. Some children have found this tricky, any practice at home would be brilliant to make sure all children are confident telling the time. We have also delved into our new topic - the Celts and Romans. We looked at pictures of artefacts from the Celtic period and questioned what they could tell us about this ancient civilization. The children have designed some beautiful Celtic shields - we will be finding out how the Celts used them in defence against the Romans in the coming weeks. In Computing, we designed our own avatar to use online and had lots of discussions about keeping our personal information safe.

**Year 4** **WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK!** On Monday, we looked at magnets in Science and investigated whether different materials were magnetic or not. After that, we did some maths all about multiplication and division and solved different word problems. Next in Literacy, we wrote some instructions about how to reassemble the Iron Man. We also went swimming and learnt how to swim and go underneath the water. By Rachel and Ava

**Year 5** This week, Year 5s have been planning, writing, editing and publishing Howard Carter's biography. Writing a biography can be very tricky unless you know the person very well. However, Year 5 children wrote Howard Carter' biographies with a very mature and confident approach. Just like a 'PRO'. In Maths, long multiplication has been another challenge which Year 5s have tackled really well and they did it with the knowledge of their times-tables. It is always a good idea to recall the times-tables! Topic lessons this week were interlinked with Drama and Literacy; we wrote play script for the time when Howard Crater discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen. Oh such fun to act and perform!

**Year 6** In Year 6 we have been very busy revisiting some key topics in Maths such as: fractions, shape, coordinates, algebra and time. Basically all of it! The children have risen to the challenge and steam is beginning to come out of their ears with the amount of brain power being used. The children have also been writing letters of complaint from the point of view of a misused belonging of theirs which have been very amusing! In Computing, the children have been showing off their programming skills using the program Scratch. Thankfully, there's also been an opportunity to run around in the sunshine and play our cleverly adapted game of rounders which keeps everyone on their toes.

**Music** Our Year 5 children worked very hard this week with their recorder skills. We were learning to train the fingers on our right hand to play different notes at the lower end of the recorder - the fingers didn't always do what we wanted them to do! We tried a variety of learning skills including repetition and soon a lot of us had made great progress. We were able to play along with the instrumental solo in Bon Jovi's 'Livin' on a Prayer!'