

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception What an amazing year the children have had. Our staff couldn't be prouder of the individual achievements every child has made and their successes across the curriculum. They have become confident learners who are able to ask inquisitive questions about the world around them, share ideas with peers, praise one another's achievements and courageously tackle new challenges. Over this past week the children have been reminiscing their greatest memories and moments within their first year at school in addition to planning ahead what they would like to improve as they move into Year 1. We are so excited to see them continue to grow at Wheatfields and wish them every success in their new year group. Lastly, we would like to thank all of you for supporting your children this year and having such a strong partnership with the school. It has been a real joy to share with you all of the children's successes and achievements as the year has gone on and wish you all a fabulous summer holiday. The EYFS team

Year 1 Wow! What a year we have had! Phonics, learning to write, read and apply our number knowledge in Maths! This year the children have really enjoyed playing phonics games with their friends to practise their phonics. Maths has also been a firm favourite with some children, being able to extend their knowledge and learn to apply their number knowledge in counting, addition, subtraction, division and even multiplication. One of the many topics which all children really enjoyed was Bog Baby, being able to write stories as well as see our bog babies grow in the outside area. Another included the cheeky Elf in December, Plop the Owl and the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. This term we have made sandwiches as part of our DT topic, talking about our favourite foods and preparing instructions and menus for our celebration picnic, which the children really enjoyed! A few have also commented on how much they liked the GOLD tasks in Maths, because it challenged them and showed them how far they had come. Finally, our big trip to Whipsnade Zoo was 'brilliant' and 'awesome', seeing the many animals and learning about different types of animals. However, as Leighton said: "I enjoyed EVERYTHING!" Thank you for all your support this year and we hope you all have an amazing Summer break!

Year 2 In the autumn term, we visited Mountfitchet Castle. We learnt about knights and we saw a catapult. We made a paper castle and wrote instructions using bossy words. In the spring term, we visited space through the texts 'Goodnight Spaceman' and 'Man on the Moon'. We learnt all about Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong as well as the names of the planets. We wrote stories imagining that we were spacemen working on a planet with Bob. In our Emergency topic, we found out about Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell and we created a medicine to help Lola get better. We discovered that hospitals in the past were not quite as clean as hospitals are now and we compared the two. We also found out about what we need to stay fit and healthy. Ready, Steady Grow was our summer 1 topic and we grew sunflowers and vegetables (we are award winners for our carrots!). This term, we have dropped into Africa. We have travelled around the continent, learning different traditional dances. We have enjoyed our Art projects and found out lots of amazing facts about different animals. We have enjoyed reading about Handa and 'Meerkat Mail'. We performed Lion Hunt and enjoyed the rhyming in 'Kapiti Plain'.

Year 3 Year 3 has been lots of fun. We can't believe how quickly it has gone. The children want to share some of their favourite parts of the year with you. We made soda bread in our food tech lesson. Molly, Tom, Alfie C and Ella thought it was really yummy. We did art based on the book Escape From Pompeii. Joel, Aimee, Remy and Leela really enjoyed this. Olivia C-P, Grace and Isaiah liked writing their own stories based on the book. Sam, Lexi and Layla really enjoyed the day when we came to work as publishers when we published our own stories. Tahla, Tia, Harry M and William U have got much better at their times tables this year. Tyler, Oliver, Scarlett and Maddie have really got stuck into tricky maths questions and have loved solving a range of problems. We did some gross science. Tobi, Honey, Channing and Milo H liked it when we did the disgusting experiment using the poo bottle – yuck! In music Milo A, Noah, Grace and Rory have found out lots about Mozart. Milo's fun fact is that nobody knows how he died. We have done lots of history this year. Farzan, Harry W and Will M liked learning about the Great Fire of London. We loved our Stone Age topic. Alfie L, Olivia Y, Ryan and Tommy thought the trip to Flag Fen was fantastic. We have learnt lots about Romans. Anna, Aisha, Jakob and Georgia really enjoyed Roman day. Lucas, Lewis D, Daphne and Jakub thought it was lots of fun when we made Roman numeral snakes and ladders. We found out lots of information about Celts and Romans using the laptops. Eoin and Raph liked doing this. Lots of the children have enjoyed our lessons and lunchtimes with the PE coaches. Ava said this was one of her favourite things.

Aiden and Ethan both loved the challenge of Sports Day even though we don't know who won yet. Jazmyn and Amal both got much better at drawing faces in our art lessons. Charlie-George and Lewis W both really liked creating their artwork in the style of Ali Coulter. Austin, Elliott, Jack and Harrison have all had a lot of fun with the year 3 teachers. Finally, the year three team would like to say how proud we are of all of the children who have worked so hard in year 3 this year. Thank you to all of the parents who have been so supportive over the year. We hope that you all have a lovely summer and that the children come back ready to learn even more next year!

Year 4 This year, in Year four, we have been up to lots of different things. We have covered a wide variety topics and subjects. The first topic we did was based on the story "The Lost Happy Endings". At the beginning of this topic we went into the hall and had a search for Jub's Lost Happy Endings!

In P.E. we first did netball. Every Tuesday we went down to see Mr Rayner. First we learnt how to hold the ball and learnt the different throws (Chest pass, Shoulder pass and Bounce pass). One of our highlights was Viking Day. On Viking day we had to dress up as a Viking and pretend to be a Viking child. The most joyous part of Viking Day was the raid on the field. Sadly, we all had to go to Vallhalla because we all were defeated in the battle and passed away. In Science we did lots of fun experiments like Egg box drop, Marble Run and melting chocolate experiments for States of matter. One of the most recent topics was Living Things and their Habitats. For this topic we designed a clay model of our own insects. At One Leisure (Where the 'Staycationers' went bowling) we

did swimming. On the last week of swimming we all got to play with balls, learn to do floats (Star float, Mushroom float and Star float on your tummy) and learnt to swim and go underwater.

In Music we have learnt how to play the keyboard. We then used those skills to make our own Iron Man compositions with ostinatos and chords (chords are were you play more than two notes at a time C major , C minor and ostinatos are were you play a series of notes.) In our class assembly, we played our junk instruments and showed art work. People also showed writing about Viking and Jub descriptions. In the Assembly the Musicians played there instruments. (Clarinet, piano, Recorder) During Music Assembly the year fours sung an Italian song called, La zia de Forli (In English "My Auntie who lives in Forli). We also learnt the different parts of the body in Italian and watched a clip to help us. In addition, we made paintings for the school float. We chose to do Retro Video Games, such as Pacman, Space Invaders, Mario, Tetris and Snake. This year our school trip was to Thorpe Woodlands, a residential trip, we did lots of different activities like the nine metre high zip wire, power fan (A zip wire that goes straight down. It is called a power fan because when you go down it activates a little fan at the top) , tree trekking (Like Go Ape) , rock climbing wall , canoeing (trying not to capsizel) and then jumping in the river , caving and archery. Whilst some people were at Thorpe Woodlands, the people that stayed behind had a lot of fun too. They made Marshmallow towers with Marshmallows and raw spaghetti (Eeww!) They also made slime and had a picnic. They made things like pizzas, fruit kebabs, sandwiches and cakes. They also made dens out of blankets and in their dens they ate lollies. Nettle soup was a popular dish, they had to learn to pick nettles safely, and then made their own nettle soup around a little fire. They also went bowling at One Leisure (where Year four went swimming.) A team from Grafham Water came and did some archery and challenges.

By Ava and Noah

Year 5 Year 5 have time traveled through the ages and landed in Ancient Egypt. On our way we explored the Amazonian Rainforest and found ourselves huddled in under tables during World War 2. We have written diaries, biographies, newspapers and stories about each topic. Year 5's favorite memories are of World War 2 day and Ancient Egyptian day. We also really enjoyed our trip to Duxford. We have used our mathematical skills to master problem solving and reasoning, as well as teaching others to a different way of thinking. Finally, we have enjoyed learning how to play different sports from different coaches. Through our resilience and reciprocity we have become the best role models for the school when we start Year 6 in September. Good luck and enjoy your Summer holidays, from Miss Vickers and Mrs Kahn.

Year 6 This year has been one in which we have worked hard and played hard. Whilst our SATs have been a focus (there's no getting away from them), there has always been time for a lot of fun, resulting in what can only be described as an action packed year! There are far too many highlights to name them all, but here are a few. Our music lessons have been varied and we have enjoyed Samba reggae and Samba junk. We learnt about the features and history of Samba. We played polyrhythmic sequences using a range of instruments and responded to calls and signals. A group performed a Samba sequence in the School Concert. As well as that we also enjoyed learning the ukulele. As much as possible, our learning was linked to our topic. For example, when we were learning about 'Space,' we created compositions about Venus and Mars. Nikolay (Class 14) says, "Band was brilliant because we got free biscuits and it helped me with my notes!" We have thoroughly enjoyed all the books we studied in Literacy this year and it is so difficult to choose a favourite. If you have any free time we highly recommend 'The Watertower,' 'The Lost Thing,' 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'I Want My Hat Back.' These books have served as a reminder that you are never too old to enjoy picture books and in fact, the lack of words allowed us to delve far deeper into the texts than we might have done. Without a doubt, we have all acquired much more subject knowledge than previously. We can now tackle fractions, algebra, percentages and reason and solve complex problems. Of course we have enjoyed all the things in between SATs such as Ironbridge, Mini Enterprise, the Maths challenge day, World Book Day and our end of year production. We are exhausted but incredibly proud of all we have achieved and are definitely ready for the next stage of our learning journey. Happy and safe holidays everyone!

Music We have had another musically fun filled year! We learn to play many instruments such as the recorder, keyboard, African Drums, Ukulele, glockenspiel, Samba Drums as well as a variety of percussion instruments. We have enjoyed learning how to play pieces on there own as well as joining in with pieces of music from Classical to Pop with many genres between. We are also getting really good at improvising and composing our own music, especially when it links in with a class topic such as Space (Y6) and The Iron Man (Y4). Of course, we also do loads of singing which we showed off to our Ofsted visitors in the summer! Outside of our class lessons many children are learning to play instruments with our visiting teachers and have made great progress on the violin, clarinet, saxophone, flute, recorder, guitar, piano, ukulele and drum kit. We also have music clubs; Singing Starz, Wednesday Boys and Biscuit Band. We have had two enjoyable concerts this year which have showcased the musical talent in the school. Well done everyone!