

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been thinking about the Giant in Jack and the beanstalk. We shut our eyes and imagined...some said he was very hairy, smelly and ugly, others preferred to imagine a kind giant with a nice face. We had a go writing our descriptive words around a picture we drew of our giant. In maths we have been continuing to measure length and height as well as introducing numberblock 15. In forest school this week we have been enjoying the ever changing weather and making the most of what we have; we built dens and splashed in the puddles and and looked for rainbows It has been very exciting to see some of our sunflower seeds starting to poke through the soil – we are hoping they will all start to show next week!

Year 1 We have introduced 'quick Maths' in Year 1. Children have been representing a 'number of the day' in a variety of ways. They have really enjoyed challenging themselves to see how many ways they can show a number in 10 minutes! In our Maths lessons this week, we have been learning all about money. We have been recognising coins and notes by drawing around them to become familiar with their shape/size and by ordering money from the smallest value to the largest value. We have been planning and writing our adverts in English ensuring we have used adjectives, verbs, alliteration and even an exclamation sentence in the hope of engaging the reader! We have been continuing to learn part of our dance for our Kings and Queens day next week. We have a very exciting day lined up for our royals next Tuesday!

Year 2 This week in **English**, we have been writing, editing and reading our own acrostic, shape and repeating poems. We have written our own versions of 'The Enormous Turnip'. In our spellings and handwriting, we explored the suffix –ful. In **Maths**, we have been continuing to explore subtraction using a variety of methods such as part whole, finding the difference, counting back on a number line and using our knowledge of number bonds. In **Science**, we investigated the plants growing on our school field. While in Geography we looked at the features of a city with special reference to London. **Next week**, in **English**, we will be writing instructions to help the farmer plant and grow more enormous goodies in his garden. We will also write a letter. In our spellings and handwriting, we will be making adjectives by adding the suffix –er. We will be using new vocabulary from Jack and the Beanstalk in sentences to show that we know what these words mean. In **Maths** we will be subtracting two 2 digit numbers and learning about exchange when crossing a ten. We will continue learning our number bonds to 20 using our knowledge of bonds to 10 and learning bonds to 100. In **Geography**, we'll look at the countries of the UK again and how the Union flag is formed. In **science**, we will be looking at the plants we eat and designing our own farms.

Year 3 In Year 3 this week we have immersed ourselves in the bay of Pompeii to help us write a descriptive piece of writing about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have looked at examples of this text type written by Miss Parkinson and Miss Elliott, the children have used this to create a toolkit to help them with their writing. Another method of helping the children to plan for their descriptive writing has been to look at videos that showed the children what it was like during the volcanoes eruption, this helped them to visualise what they might have seen if they were living in Pompeii during this time. The children are very excited to create a class book of descriptive writing to share with an archaeologist. In Maths this week, we have been consolidating our times tables knowledge, specifically our 3, 6 and 9s, some children were able to make links between these times tables. A Numberlink board has been used by the children to help them solve these times tables, but they have also enjoyed looking at songs on YouTube to help them consolidate this learning – we recommend highly that this could also be done at home to help your child with their tables. In Topic, the children engaged in learning about Boudicca and why she fought the Romans. The children looked at pictures that had been drawn by the Romans and the Celts and they had to firstly decide what picture was drawn by who. Once they had found this out they compared the two pictures and created their own wanted poster of Boudicca pretending to be from a Romans point of view. In PE, Mr Puckey taught the children a new game called Diamond Cricket!

Year 4 This week, we started reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as our new class text. Both classes have really enjoyed reading the story and discussing where the Iron Man has come from and whether it is a good idea to trap him or not. It is a fantastic book and we are excited about the learning opportunities it will provide over the next few weeks. In maths, we have been focusing on equivalent fractions and have used fraction walls and Cuisenaire rods to support our learning. We had brilliant PE lessons this week as we learnt how to play diamond cricket. It has been great fun learning a new game and working together in a team (even in the rain!). In science, we have enjoyed investigating insulators and conductors in electrical circuits.

Year 5 This week in Year 5, it is all about 'revising our skills' that we have acquired throughout the year. In English, we have been adding a subordinate clause, adjectives, powerful verbs and onomatopoeia to describe a picture. Revision is the name of the game in Maths, we are recalling EVERYTHING that we have learnt in Maths since September. We're diving deep in Geography and comparing our town St Ives's Past and Present map. Cricket is going in full swing ;) and we are looking forward to playing the match between the two classes. Go Year 5s!

Year 6 Yet another brilliantly impressive week for the ever-incredible Year Six! More in-depth analysis of Greek myths (including: their features; planning and beginning to write one of their own and also the history behind them). Ratio has been the focus in maths, which the children have grasped excellently, as well as the usual P.E. (basketball) and music. Finally, we have enjoyed looking at patterns in Ancient Greek art and philosophising about the idea of Heaven. A full week for sure!

Music The Word of the Week is 'Texture'. Texture is how complicated the music is e.g. if just one part is playing, the texture is thin. If lots of instruments are playing, such as in an orchestra, the texture is thick. In Year 3 this week we have performed our glockenspiel parts as an instrumental break in Three Little Birds. We have also been composing our own instrumental breaks.

In Year 4 we have appraised 'Bydlo' from Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. We noticed how Mussorgsky used dynamics to create the effect of an ox cart moving to the front of the picture and then away again into the distance. We played the motif that we heard and improvised our own music over the top. In Year 5 we explored what makes Egyptian music sound Egyptian by learning about the harmonic minor scale. We learned a piece called the Camel driver and played it on our glockenspiels. In Year 6 we improved our chord playing skills on the ukulele and learned about the triads of notes which make up each chord.