

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** It has been a really wonderful and busy half term! We have focused on Spring and growing; talking about the changes we have seen around us and planted our own beans and nurtured them to grow – some were huge! I hope they are now growing well at home too! We have introduced nearly all phase 3 digraphs now and will continue this in the summer term. We are all focusing heavily on writing and the skills of early writing such as formation and finger spaces. Over the holiday it would be lovely if the children could write a daily journal entry about what they have done (which will help practise their writing) and we will share any journals in the first week back. We hope you all have a very restful and wonderful Easter break.

**Year 1** We have made it to the Easter Holidays! Year 1 have been super busy this week and have been working really hard. In English, we have been writing our own story about a seed, we have been using lots of adjectives to describe the setting and what the flower looks like. In maths we have been doing our end of term assessments to try to use all our of addition and subtraction knowledge that we have been learning. In art we have used water colours to create a giant mural of Van Gogh's Starry Night. In Science have been looking at different trees and finding out what makes a deciduous and evergreen tree, and finding out the names of lots of different trees. We have also been finding out the names of wild British flowers and what they look like. We had our final gymnastics session have enjoyed putting our skills into a routine. Due to the British weather, we were not able to our final forest school session, but have moved it to after the Easter Break! We hope that you all have a lovely summer break and enjoy the sunshine and some chocolate eggs!

**Year 2** Year 2 have been showing off their resilience week. They have completed several assessments and have been rewarded with lots of playtime and exercise time! Children have demonstrated the very best of their knowledge and we are so proud of them. In Gymnastics, we show cased all of our gymnastics skills and we are ready to send some of them to the next Olympic games! We hope the children enjoy a well-deserved Easter break and we look forward to welcoming them all back in a couple of weeks!

**Year 3** This week in Year 3 the children have been creating their own non-chronological using Google Slides. They have enjoyed using the Chrome books to do this, as they have been able to add pictures and change the theme of their slideshow. The children have also been looking at Plants in Science this week and learning how water travels up the plant by completing an experiment with food colouring, celery and flowers – which did not quite work, but we are hoping after the Easter break something might have happened to them. We have also been looking at the story of Easter and Holy Week and why Christians celebrate Easter. It has been a lovely term with the children and they have been working really hard. We are hoping that they have a lovely Easter Break and take the time to rest and enjoy, ready to come back and work just as hard for the summer term.

**Year 4** The children in Year 4, particularly Larch class, should be applauded for their fantastic attitude whilst both their teacher and LSA were away ill. The children in Year 4 frequently showed how mature, sensible, respectful they are, and how well they can cope with change whilst consistently meeting the school's high expectations with learning and behaviour. Ves Heill! This is the Old Norse greeting meaning 'be well'. Wednesday saw Year 4 turned into a sea of Viking warriors and villagers. As always, the ingenuity of the costumes created was brilliant, it was great to see how clothes in wardrobes can be transformed. The Viking day was a huge success, the hall was a hive of activity with children taking part in a range of activities from clay pot making to candle making. The battle appeared to be most popular activity with children desperate to take part. Our guide for the day Lord Jorund (Jonathan) was extremely knowledgeable and fuelled the children's enthusiasm whilst simultaneously increasing their knowledge on Vikings.

**Year 5** It has been a very busy and exciting finish to the term in Year 5 this week. We started off with an excellent Public Speaking Competition final featuring some superb speeches from the finalists Ollie Clark, Katie Mustill and Olivia Harris. Following that, we began a week of science investigations looking into forces and a history DT project on rationing. At the end of the DT project the children produced some delicious pasties using a World War 2 rationing recipe. We have also enjoyed a visit by the Goethe-Institute London to do a workshop introducing German music through singing. And finally, to finish of the week, we are looking forward to our final swimming session at St. Ivo. A great finish to the term Year 5!

**Year 6** WOW, another amazing week in Year 6. In Maths, we have been learning about Ratio and Proportion and enjoying it a lot. In Science, we are observing 'how mould grows on bread?' a very interesting observation but mould looks very green and yucky. In Topic, we have been writing a newspaper report about a new planet that we have been creating a fact file about. We hope you enjoy your Easter break and a well-earned rest.

**Music** The Word of the Week is 'Accelerando', which means gradually getting faster. We realised that it sounds like the word 'accelerate'. In Year 6 this week we selected chords to accompany the motifs for our Planet Composition. We also used the voice function on the keyboards to select a suitable timbre. Our Y5 and Y6 pupils were treated to a special workshop given by the Goethe Institute on Thursday and learnt how to sing 'She Loves You' by the Beatles in German! In Year 4, we listened and appraised a recorder player playing folk music. We brushed up our 'Hot Cross Buns' on the recorder and started to learn 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'. In Year 3, we sang some Easter songs and practised reading our rhythms. We had a recap of our Words of the Week for the term and we impressed Mrs Merson with how much we could remember!