

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week in EYFS we have been enjoying learning more about time. In Maths the children were introduced to the clock face and the function of the hour, minute and second hands. We have been busy making our own clock faces and writing on the numerals, as well as learning to tell the hours using the term 'O'clock'. The children have also been measuring time using digital stopwatches and sand timers and playing 'beat the clock'. In Art we have been busy creating the Chinese Dragon in a variety of forms e.g. watercolour paintings, sock puppets and dragon and stick paper craft. In Phonics, as well as recapping the sounds we know, we have covered three new digraphs, 'oo' (long sound), 'oo' (short sound) and 'ar'.

**Year 1** 'Snow' doubting it, Year 1 have been doing some really amazing learning this week! Maths was 'snow' bother to us as we started to use a 'Part Part Whole' sheet to help us with our addition problems. Some of us used counters, some pebbles but some used the Diens blocks to add larger numbers 'going through a ten'! We've enjoyed acting out different parts of our focus story 'Finding Winnie' and then using this to help us write perfectly punctuated sentences with capital letters, full stops and even joining 2 ideas with the word 'and'. 'Snow' worries! We've also had fun outside, making sensible choices about how to play safely in the SNOW! Thank you grown ups for dressing us in appropriate clothes so we can enjoy the wintery wonderment!

**Year 2** Year 2 have been immersing themselves into our class novel 'The Secret Garden'. The children have been exploring description, suffixes and how the author excites the reader through their use of language. This is all in preparation for the planning next week of their own secret garden narratives. Over the weekend you can help your children begin building up ideas of what they would like to happen in their version of the secret garden. Who will their characters be? What will their garden look like? What will their problems and solutions be? Within Maths next week the children will be looking at finding fractions of given amounts including halves, quarters and thirds. Why not have a go at finding some fractions of money and measurements at home ready to share your learning with the class next week. Lastly, a small note to say how wonderful the children have been in this extremely cold weather: they have wrapped up warm, kept exercising and really put in all of their focus on their learning. We are very proud of them and hope they do enjoy some fun in the snow over the weekend :)

**Year 3** This week in year 3 we have been very busy learning about Dick Whittington again. We have started to compare the story with the life of Sir Richard Whittington. We have found quite a lot of differences so far! The children have become like detectives finding evidence in the text. In Maths we have been learning perimeter. We have measured the perimeters of shapes using rulers and even used metre sticks to try and measure the perimeter of the hall. We have started our new topic about the United Kingdom. This week we have looked at the four parts of UK and located where the major cities, including the capitals, are located. The children are very enthusiastic about this!

**Year 4** This week, year 4 have launched our times tables group that we hope to hold every Monday and Wednesday morning. We have been using many different skills to practice and improve on our multiplication knowledge. In Maths lessons, we have been busy finding fractions of amounts. In Literacy, we have been learning about headings and subheadings and have created our own 'sneaky' subheadings to grasp the readers attention. On Monday, we had our first session of football held by our coach. We would like to remind children and parents that during this cold weather, it would be beneficial for children to be wearing tracksuit bottoms or leggings during P.E. for when we can be outside on the playground.

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have been learning about fractions in Maths. We have discussed that: what we do to the bottom, we do to the top, by finding the common multiple! In Literacy we are busy getting ready for our debate next week; Year 5 have been looking at balancing arguments, by discussing both sides of a formal disagreement. Furthermore, we have thoroughly enjoyed hearing everyone's speeches, you should all be very proud of yourselves!

**Year 6** In Year 6 we have been learning about the structure and features of journalistic writing; we particularly enjoyed coming up with headlines for pictures. The children have also shown off their knowledge about Earth by independently writing a non chronological report. The focus in Maths has been graphs and charts which has tied in with our Space work in Science. In P.E. we have started dance and the teachers have been very impressed with what the children have produced so far. We are continuing our hard work despite the very exciting snow!

**Music** KS2 were treated to a drumkit demonstration in assembly on Thursday by Paul Richards who will be teaching at Wheatfields on Friday afternoons. Children have taken home letters if they are interested in taking up drumming lessons. If your child did not bring home a letter but is interested in taking lessons, please contact Mrs Merson or speak to Miss Keane at the office. Spaces are still available for guitar, ukulele, violin, clarinet, saxophone, recorder, flute and piano.