

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week we launched our week with a fabulous picnic on the moon - we packed up our teddies and a snack and got in a rocket and explored the galaxy! It has sparked so much amazing role play, writing and enthusiasm for Space. We have been thinking about our teen numbers, ordering them and introducing number 17. We went for a lovely spring walk and looked for signs of the seasons changing. We have also introduced the trigraphs air, ear, ure and igh. Next week, we will be continuing our Space explorations, thinking about number 18 and consolidating our phonics knowledge of digraphs. We will also be having our 'ladies we love' tea party on Thursday and can't wait to see you all there.

**Year 1** Year 1 have had a really fun week. In Maths, we have been counting in 2s and 5s and looking for patterns with our numbers. We used lots of practical resources to help us with our counting. In English, we have been writing our recount of the Bog Baby story and using our time conjunctions and past tense verbs. In Science, we have been flower hunting in the classroom (as the lawnmower cut the grass on the field!) and have designed our own wild plant gardens. In Geography, we completed a field survey around the school using our senses to make careful observations. In Art, we looked at drawing the inside of flowers by looking carefully for the detail we could see. In PE, we have carried on developing our football skills and are beginning to control the balls better. Next week we will be measuring in Maths, looking at poetry in English and continuing our work with plants. Class 3 looking forward to sharing their learning with you in our class assembly next week.

**Year 2** On Monday afternoon, something very suspicious and surprising happened in the KS1 playground - we witnessed a crashed spaceship! On Tuesday we then met a character called Beegu and we have started reading the story to find out more about her. Beegu was very lonely when she crashed on Earth, so we made her a friend out of air-dry clay and then we wrote some sentences to describe the friend. Next week, we will be reading more of the story and thinking about how Beegu is feeling at different points. This week in Maths, we have been describing 2D shapes using their properties – vertices, sides, lines of symmetry. Next week, we will be sorting shapes and making patterns and explaining how we have sorted. You can help your child by identifying 3D shapes in objects around your home and discussing which 2D shapes you can see in those 3D solid shapes? In our History lesson we learned about the astronaut Neil Armstrong and in Art we practised drawing planets, using coloured chalk and shading to show light.

**Year 3** This week has been a very busy week in Year 3. In Literacy, we have been learning about features of non-chronological reports. We have also been learning about how to structure paragraphs and why we use them. We are working towards writing our own reports based on London. In our computing lesson, we did our own research about London ready to use in our reports. Ask us about any interesting facts that we found out. In Maths, we have been investigating patterns and combinations. A lot of work has involved answering questions about 'how many ways' a question can be answered. Next week we will be continuing with our reports and in Maths we will be learning about money. We will also be continuing with our focus on London and how it has changed over time.

**Year 4** Firstly, a big well done to Class 10 for their fantastic class assembly this week! It was great to see the children sharing their brilliant learning from the term so far! This week, Year 4 have been working hard on researching and planning non-chronological reports about the Vikings. Each child has chosen the sections they are going to include and researched using a variety of texts. We are really looking forward to completing the reports and making a class book to share with others. Our focus spelling words have been: *heard, learn, earth, early, heart* and next week will be: *peculiar, grammar, calendar, popular, regular and particular*. In Maths, we have started learning about fractions. We have learnt about the difference between a unit and non-unit fraction and have begun to focus on finding and recognising equivalent fractions. Next week, we will be continuing with equivalent fractions and also looking at fractions greater than one whole (e.g.  $10/3$ ,  $6/4$ ).

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have revisited distributive law. It is a tricky concept but we have persevered and come out the other end a little wiser! Moving on in Maths, we are focussing our efforts on short multiplication. Times tables is the name of the game as the children have found out just how important they are! Please practice as much as you can - TT Rockstars is the resource we are encouraging the children to use. In English, we are still exploring the Varmints, a very mysterious book that could perhaps be read from the back to front... This text is excellent for children to use their inference skills and use a new set of vocabulary. In Art, we are continuing to look at different perspectives; the children are working really hard to bring their work to life with shading and cleverly drawn lines. Next week we are looking forward to learning more about multiplication and we are planning our writing in English.

**Year 6** A busy week this week for Year Six! First of all, we have selected 12 speeches which the two classes are going to narrow down to a final six. All very exciting! There have been some WONDERFUL entries which have hugely impressed both Miss Elliott and Mr. Streeter. Secondly, Year Six have been reading a trilogy of picture books – *I Want My Hat Back*, *This Is Not My Hat* and *We Found A Hat*, all of which have thoroughly entertained the pupils and created lots of interesting discussion points. Thirdly, we have been upping the ante in maths with solving equations and algebraic reasoning and problem solving. Finally, yet by no means least, Year Six have carried on looking at the science topic of Earth in Space, asking questions such as 'Will you weigh more, less or the same on other planets?'

**Music** On Wednesday evening we held our annual Spring Concert which showcases the Wednesday Boys, Biscuit Band and our newest soloists! The children dressed up in their finest concert clothes and delivered some entertaining and polished performances to a full to capacity audience! Thanks go to our visiting instrumental teachers for giving up their time to support the children and to Mrs. Vickers and Miss Hammond for sharing their musical talents with the children. Congratulations to all our musicians!