

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week in EYFS we have begun our new topic 'people who help us': reading the story 'Emergency!' and talking about the different people who help us in the community. We have been role playing as firefighters in our role-play area and drawing pictures of skills and jobs we may like to do when we are older. In Phonics, some of us are learning some new phase 3 sounds whilst others recap phase 2 and blending skills. In Maths we have been talking about 2D shapes, using stem sentences to describe them and making repeating patterns with the shapes we know. Next week we will continue to learn about people who help us, the different jobs they do and the equipment they need to do it.

**Year 1** Year 1 have had a super week. In English, we have been looking at our new book 'Emergency!' We have written sentences with exclamation marks and finding out what verbs are and putting these into our sentences. In Maths we have been exploring and investigating shapes, we have made patterns and completed tangram pictures. In Art, we have been investigating hot/warm colours and seeing how many different shades of red, yellow and orange we could find. In Science, we have been describing the materials that different objects are made from. In History, we have started our work on Grace Darling and used paintings to find out about life a long time ago. In RE we have been finding out about different places of worship and which religion they belong to.

**Year 2** It has been another busy week in Year 2! In Maths, we have been learning about how we can subtract numbers by telling a story. The story was about a fairground ride with children getting off the ride. We set chairs up in the hall so we could get on and off like a real fairground ride. It really helped our learning and it was fun! In English, we have been identifying the important words in sentences, including nouns, adjectives verbs and adverbs. We have been using highlighters to identify them and change sentences by using some of our own adjectives to describe nouns. In topic this week, we have been focussing on the Polar Regions of the World and learning about Antarctica. We found out about the landscape, weather patterns and some of the animals that have adapted to living in such a hostile climate.

**Year 3** Wow! It has been a very exciting week in Year 3. We have started our learning about myths and legends. We are enjoying reading a selection of myths and legends in class and talking about them. We have read the story of Johnny Gloke as a class and had lots of fun acting it out. He was very lucky to succeed and marry the princess! In Maths, we have learned lots of new vocabulary this week as we have been learning about angles. We have found different angles around the room using our own angle finder. We now know what a quadrilateral is and can name different ones. We have found the vertices and can sort and discuss shapes too. In our Topic work, we have continued with our learning about light. You can ask the children about three tricky words we have been using. They are translucent, transparent and opaque!

**Year 4** Our first full week of spring term has been full of fantastic learning. We have started to look at our new class text, 'How to Train Your Dragon', and have looked closely at the evidence that we are given in the opening to the story. There has been lots of discussion about vocabulary in the texts and the author's intent. We have compared the opening of the book to the opening of the film and noted how they are similar and different. In Maths, we have been revising the 3 times table in our fluency sessions and focusing on the 6 times table in our lessons. Remember to use TTRockstars and Mathletics at home to help learn times tables. We are very excited to have started our next history unit on the Anglo-Saxons and are looking forward to finding out more about this period of British history.

**Year 5** WOW what an amazing week it has been in Year 5! We became WW2 soldiers and did some drama based on a scene from Dunkirk. Our aim was to understand how the soldiers would have felt when the German army was attacking them and they had nowhere to go, and the sense of relief they would have felt, when the boats were sent to take them from the beach to the ships. All Year 5 have enjoyed this experience and did an amazing job of presenting it to the rest of the group. In Maths, we have been learning about area and how to measure it. Overall, a great week Year 5, well done!

**Year 6** **This week, in English**, we have been reading and discussing the text 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew. We looked carefully at the pictures and used our own experiences to make inferences and deductions about the plot. **This week in Maths** we have been learning about perimeter <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvmxsbk/articles/zsr4k7h> and area of 2D shapes. Please remember to go onto Mathletics and TT Rockstars regularly. **In our Topic**, we have learnt about the Solar System. Why not look at the planets in inner and outer solar system? <http://science.nationalgeographic.com/science/space/solar-system> **Next week in English**, we are going to learn more about the main characters in our story, Spike Trotter and Bubba D'Angelo. We will be writing character descriptions. **In Maths**, we will continue to investigate areas of shapes, particularly triangles and we will ensure children can differentiate between area and perimeter.

**Music** The word of the week is 'ostinato', which is a pattern that repeats. This can be melodic or rhythmic. Our Y6 pupils started their topic on The Planet Suite by Gustav Holst this week, which links with their class learning. We thought about how the composer uses musical features to create a picture and mood. We learnt the ostinato pattern for Mars, the Bringer of War which is in 5 beats in a bar! In Y5 we learnt about the shapes of melodies and learnt how to play a chromatic phrase from 'We'll Meet Again' on the keyboard. In Y4 we revised our learning about the C major scale and learnt about the life and works of Chopin. We listened and appraised one of his Nocturnes and learnt how to play a piece of music on the keyboard in the style of a nocturne. In Y3 we listened and appraised 'Jammin' by Bob Marley and noticed which features were the same as 'Three Little Birds' such as the instruments. We learnt an ostinato pattern to play along to 'Three Little Birds' on the glockenspiel.