

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week in EYFS we have been observing real life prehistoric fossils and using clay to make our own fossil models. In Literacy, the children have enjoyed re-enacting the story of 'Boy' in the role play area and talking about the prehistoric animals and why they became extinct. In PSED we have been discussing the emotion of anger and learning about a few different strategies to help us manage it. Class 1 have been busy preparing for their assembly next week and we all look forward to seeing you there.

Year 1 This week the children have been battling with an old foe! Place value has found its way back into our lessons and the children from Y1 have successfully battled against this monster to improve their understanding of Tens and Units even further! In Literacy, the Children have been writing questions about the seaside and lighthouses. They have been thinking about the vocabulary used in a question as well as correctly using question mark to indicate a question has been asked. In Geography, the Children have developed their understanding of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom as well as what the four seasons typically look like during the different parts of the year. In our grammar lessons, both classes have been practicing the spellings of the days of the week as well as using "er" and "est" on root nouns and verbs. By the end of the week the Children will have completed their Archimboldo fruit faces in Art and D&T!

Year 2 Year 2 have been using lots of adjectives and suffixes in Literacy to describe both the characters and settings within our class text 'Meerkat Mail'. They have also been applying this knowledge in their topic work to write their own non fiction reports about some of their favourite animals found in the African savannah. They have all even sympathised with the animals and of course Sunny from our text, after the heat wave this week. In Maths, the children have been reasoning and collecting evidence to disprove some of their cartoon concepts statements regarding multiplication and division. We have been blown away by the children's mathematical language within their explanations, in addition to their problem solving skills in discovering if each statement is true or false. What a week! We would also like to thank Class 6's parents for attending their class assembly this week. The children really enjoyed showcasing their ICT learning with you and were lit up with pride when everyone gave them compliments, thank you.

Year 3 This week we have had a great week in year 3. The children thoroughly enjoyed Roman day on Monday. They came to school dressed as Romans. They made Roman purses and a laurel wreath to wear on their head. In the afternoon, the children took part in dancing, acting or marching like soldiers. We also had a group of slaves who had to prepare the feast for everyone else without eating any (they were allowed to later of course!). The Romans all enjoyed watching others perform plays, dance and march. It was lots of fun! Most of the children said that their best bit of the day was the Roman feast. Stuffed dormice were a popular delicacy in Roman times and the children loved trying them at the feast even though they said they tasted like white chocolate! Whatever next!

Year 4 There has been lots of excitement in year 4 this week as some children looked forward to their residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands or to the fun activities planned for those children who were staying in St Ives. The week began with the children completing their end of year writing about being in year 4 and drawing portraits for their report front covers. As part of the Habitats topic in science, the children discussed the different life processes and looked at ways to sort animals and plants into groups. The children from both classes who remained at Wheatfields enjoyed the fine weather by having a picnic in the courtyard with food (pizzas, sandwiches, cakes and fruit kebabs) that they had prepared for themselves. It looked and tasted delicious. The highlight of the afternoon was making slime - it came in a variety of colours and sparkled with added glitter. Some children's efforts even stretched for several metres! On Thursday there was a trip bowling and on Friday a day of adventurous activities led by a team from Grafham Water.

Year 5 This week, Year 5 have been doing Bikeability. In this programme, children had to ride their bike proficiently but also make safe choices when out and about on the road. Their first day was in the school, where they rode their bikes, turning them around and understanding how to be safe whilst on the road. After, the children spent two days practising their skills in the local vicinity with their Bikeability tutors. Their fourth day was their test day, where the tutors observed the children's decision making skills on the road. The tutors from Bikeability have been full of positive feedback about how well Year 5 have done. Miss Vickers and I are very proud of all the children who went out and persevered. Whilst some groups were taking part in Bikeability, others have been busy planning, designing, building, decorating and projecting their projects of 'The Pyramids'. This was the cross-curricular link with our History topic of 'Ancient Egypt'. The children have made wonderful 3D-models of the pyramids and have achieved the skills of designing, applying and reviewing the different joining techniques which is an area of the Design and Technology curriculum. It would be great if you can see and admire Year 5's work whilst you're visiting the Summer Fayre on Thursday 5th July. Miss Vickers and I are looking forward to see you all there.

Year 6 Every week seems to be getting busier in year 6 at the minute!! This week, we have been learning about Ancient Greek Olympics, art and architecture, then designing our Greek pot and plate. In our weekly philosophy lesson we discussed what our definition of "the future" is and had some very deep responses: "a set of infinite possibilities", "an idea based on prediction" or even "something which can never exist". Have a think about those!! Obviously, we have also been continuing our play rehearsals - and are proud to announce that we have now made it all the way through the script once! Our props department have been working overtime, as have our dancers! We are getting very excited about sharing it with all of you!

Music This week our Y1 pupils have had fun exploring our new glockenspiels with Mrs Tucker and have been making up their own lyrics for 'What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor'. In Y6 we are working hard on projecting our voices, singing with clear diction and conveying the mood of the song. In Y3 we finished learning The Roman Song; we've really enjoyed learning about the Romans and singing at the same time! Our Y5 pupils have been very technical this week and have learnt what makes Egyptian music sound Egyptian. We have been exploring the E harmonic scale on the glockenspiel and have improvised phrases using these notes to make our own Egyptian music.