

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception This week we have been using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk as the focus of our learning. We have used props and puppets to retell the story and painted beanstalks and giants! We've had a go at writing descriptions of the Giant and used our imaginations to discuss what we would like to find at the top of a beanstalk. We have been focusing on the formation and recognition of our teen numbers and using beans and other objects to make teen numbers.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been gearing up for our trip to Whipsnade Zoo. In Literacy we have been writing out our non chronological reports about zoo animals. The best 3 reports will be put on display at the zoo! In maths we have been looking at the place value of two digit numbers and partitioning them into their tens and ones. In phonics this week we had plenty of blending practice with the long oo sound (the family of sounds includes, ui, u-e, ue and ew). We have also enjoyed learning about the features of mammals this week in Science and linked it Geography by looking at the African Elephant and how it had adapted to living in Sub Saharan Africa.

Year 2 This week, in English, we have been writing instructions using imperative verbs (bossy words). We have also been saying and writing sentences with conjunctions, such as and, although, but, since, because, when and while. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions and finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a number as well as $\frac{3}{4}$ and we recognise that $\frac{2}{4}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$. Can you help your child find a half of an amount, or a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an amount? Money would be a great way of looking at this. In our topic we have been comparing Victorian hospitals to the hospitals we visit now. We know that the hospital that Florence Nightingale worked at in Turkey was very dirty and unhygienic. Most of Year 2 prefer the hospitals that we have now.

Year 3 Doesn't time fly when you're having fun? Or should I say doesn't fun fly when we're doing time.....in maths that is. Some of us are super time tellers while others are still finding it a bit challenge. Please check with your child and support them in telling the time both analogue and digital to the nearest minute. In Literacy our writing skills are being improved by using paragraphs and conjunctions when writing non chronological reports about London. Congratulations to all our semi-finalists in the Public Speaking competition and especially to Grace and Noah from class 8 for making it to the final. Thank you for making sure everyone has their PE kits in school as we have been enjoying improving our hockey skills both on the playground and inside, when it rains. Our ball control is quite amazing and we're learning to handle our sticks safely.

Year 4 Year 4 have had another busy week. In Maths we have been looking at time, we have been looking at 5 minute and 1 minute intervals and 24 hours and digital time. We will move on to looking at timetables and journey duration. In literacy we have been writing our Viking non-chronological reports and are looking forward to creating a class book. We are really enjoying hockey in the sunshine and are improving our skills. We are really looking forward to Viking day next Wednesday.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have been learning about the bus stop method in division! Why is it called the bus stop method? Because it looks like a bus stop! We are really getting the hang of using the mathematical methods efficiently so we can work quickly towards becoming magical masters of maths! We have also been looking at writing part 2 of Varmints where we have been basing predictions on implications in the text.

Year 6 We had a lovely treat on Wednesday afternoon, to give us a break from our 'full on' programme in Year 6. Mrs Merson arranged for a group of musicians from Cambridgeshire Music to visit. The concert involved demonstrations of brass instruments, songs from WW2 and Victorian times. Class 11 entertained us with a presentation of learning in their sharing assembly. In Mathematics we continued our work on statistics and were happy to hear that we have almost covered the entire curriculum, which will leave us a few much-needed weeks to review topic areas and concepts we are still unsure of. Writing, writing and more writing in Literacy this week! We wrote and edited letters of complaint from the perspective of a classroom object. In our Topic work we have been looking at time zones in different places in the world according to the lines of longitude.

Music You have probably heard already that on Wednesday afternoon we were visited by 'The Travelling Tuba'! Especially designed to celebrate British history and values, the show began with a flag waving British procession before stepping back in time with the Vikings and their animal horn and the Romans with their cornu. We also saw the sackbut and cornett from the Tudor period and the first type of tuba, the serpent! In the Industrial Revolution the valve was invented. We also heard music from Holst's Mars and finished with a Last Night of the Proms! We were all thoroughly entertained and some children even had a go on the instruments!!