

Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

Reception In EYFS this week we have been continuing our exploration of the traditional tale of the three little pigs. The children have been re-telling the story using repetitive language as well as adding in some of their own phrases to make it more exciting. Alongside this, the children have also explored using instruments to add excitement to their storytelling. In Maths the children have been delving deeper into their knowledge of numbers to ten by exploring the composition of different numbers for example; 7 could be made up of 5+2, 7+0, 6+1, 4+3 or perhaps 4+2+1. We have also been learning about our next teen number, Numberblock 12. I wonder if you could explore making 12, writing 12 or spotting on your walk to school. In our literacy we have been exploring the sound ee and continuing our blending practise to develop our confidence in reading. Keep using your phonic cards at home to create your own words to read together. As we go into next week, we will be exploring a new traditional tale called 'Jack and the beanstalk. If you read the tale, role play the story or spot some beanstalks on your walks over the bank holiday weekend, please do share it with us on Tapestry. Many Thanks, the EYFS Team.

Year 1 We have been getting creative this week in Year 1! We have continued to use clay in our Art lesson to make crown jewels and sceptres. In RE, we have been designing our very own Islamic geometric patterns. In English, we transformed our classroom into a post office. Children had great fun sending letters, buying stamps and acting in role as a post man/lady. We have also been thinking of questions for Katie Morag in preparation for our postcard writing next week. In Maths, we have been doubling, grouping and sharing objects. We travelled from St Ives in Cornwall to St Ives in Cambridgeshire via Google Earth during our Geography lesson and made a journey line. The children have enjoyed learning about significant British Monarchs in History.

Year 2 **This week** in English, we have been writing character speech for our stories, using speech bubbles and inverted commas. We have used some great adjectives and commas to describe characters too. We have written our own story based on Jim or Jack and the Beanstalk. In our spellings and handwriting, we added the suffix –ness to adjectives to make nouns. In **Maths** we have been practising a variety of maths skills to help us add and subtract numbers including investigating fact families, checking calculations are correct using a range of strategies, understanding calculations with similar digits and practising number bonds. In **Topic** we have been discussing whether plants are living things and looking for evidence that they are alive. We have also been discussing and learning about the life cycle of plants and learning about how plants reproduce. As well as this we have completed our weekly 'bean diary' to monitor the progress of our beans that we are growing. We have seen lots of growth this week! In Art we have been learning paint brush skills and how to make a variety of marks with a paint brush. We looked at an artist called Kandinsky and discussed his style of painting and tried to include some of his mark making in our own work. **Next week**, in English, we will be reading, writing and performing poems and identifying rhyming words. In our spellings and handwriting, we will be exploring the suffix –ment. In **Maths** we will be continuing with our addition and subtraction focus. This includes, adding and subtracting ones and tens, learning to look for tens to make our adding and subtracting easier and learning strategies to add 2 digit and 1 digit numbers. In **Topic** we will learning about parts of a plant and the flower and learning about the importance of bees. In Art we will be continuing with painting skills and learning how to make different marks with a paint brush.

Year 3 In Year 3 this week the children have been looking at their 2, 4 and 8 times tables in Maths. They have been using different methods to help them remember them, including creating a multiplication grid to find the patterns in certain times tables. They have also taken their learning outside this week when looking at their times tables. In English we have started looking at a new English text 'Escape from Pompeii'. They have really enjoyed reading about what happened in Pompeii even though it is a fictional story. The text has given them the facts about Pompeii as well as key vocabulary that will help them to use their imagination. This week in Topic the children moved on from the Celts and began to look at why the Romans wanted to invade Britain – you could ask your children this question! PE has been very exciting this week as Mr Puckey taught the children how to use a bat in cricket and how to aim a ball when hitting it with a bat. The children have also been really engaged in their Accelerated Reading as well as trying hard to become more respectful towards their peers and the different adults that they see throughout the school day.

Year 4 If you visited Year 4 on Wednesday, you wouldn't have seen two classes of children busy at work instead you would have spotted a band of vicious Viking warriors ready to attack. This was because it was Viking day. In the morning both classes spent time around the fire sharing stories of their bravery in past raids and eating some delicious Viking foods. (A big thank you to PAWS for funding this!) The children also made clay amulets to keep them safe in battle and Viking jewellery to decorate their magnificent costumes. A brutal battle took place in the afternoon where the Anglo-Saxon army was easily defeated. As the horn sounded the warriors charged across the playground to meet their enemies. It was a great day and lots of fun. In addition, the children have been continuing to write their Viking reports and studying fractions in maths. The new science topic is Electricity and the children have drawn some fabulous pastel Viking portraits.

Year 5 This week in Year 5 has been full of exciting learning opportunities following on from our Ancient Egyptian day. We are looking at the process of mummification in great detail so we can write an explanation report about the method! In Maths, we have been looking at the progression of multiplying by 2 digit numbers. Although the concept looks tricky at first, once you understand the method – the rest comes naturally! Next week, we are continuing to expand our vocabulary and knowledge of word class in English and it's time to tackle division in Maths!

Year 6 This week, Year Six have been busy planning and writing about their own Greek gods, which have thoroughly entertained us! Not only this, but they have also learned about the differences between Athens and Sparta and what a city state is. P.E. has bounced along nicely with basketball and the 'daily' mile is continuing to prove a massive success! In maths, we have finished volume of cubes and cuboids and have been recapping on how to measure and recognise angles. Finally, in R.E. we have had some great discussions on what the different religions think about life after death. Very profound! All in all, a superb week!

Music The word of the week is 'interval'. Intervals in music are the distance between two notes. E.g. from C to E is a 3rd. Recognising intervals helps us with our pitch in music. In Year 3 this week we watched a clip of Ziggy Marley singing Small People on Sesame Street. We noticed which features of the song were similar to Three Little Birds such as the stress on the back beat, the laid back feel and the prominent bass line. We had a go at improvising using question and answer techniques. In Year 4 we listened to Samuel Goldenberg by Mussorgsky. We noticed how Mussorgsky used musical ideas to create a character. We used glockenspiels to create our own musical conversations. In Year 5 we continued to investigate the notation of Egyptian word patterns and made up our own rhythmic compositions. We listened to Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells whilst following a graphic score. We noticed that the score took the shape of a pyramid as the texture gradually got thicker and thinner again. In Year 6 we started a new unit: The 12 Bar Blues. We learnt the song Hound Dog and learnt how to play the bass line on glockenspiels.