

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week the children have been fully immersed into storytime phonics. They have tip tapped like a cat, sneezed like a farmer and even slithered about the school like a snake! They have enjoyed dressing up and beginning to link these sounds to the caption actions. Why not see if you can do a sound hunt on your walk home from school or perhaps on an adventure at the weekend. Look out for things that use the sounds; s, t, a & p. We have also been using our knowledge of numbers to 5 to share ideas about how these numbers can be made up e.g. numberblock 4 can be made with 3 & 1 or perhaps two and another two. I wonder using pasta or spoons at home how many ways you can make the different numbers to 5? Don't forget to show us all your problem solving on tapestry. Next week in Class 1 & 2 the children will be exploring 2D shapes and the season of autumn. We will be investigating how the natural environment changes during the season of autumn and also how that affects our wildlife. Lastly, we wanted to share a few reminders. Forest School sessions will begin next week and the forest fairies are very excited! Please check your letter for information including appropriate kit and what day your child's session is on. Any questions please just ask your class teacher. Additionally, please ensure all clothes are labelled with your child's name. If clothing is found around the classroom which is not named it will be sent to whole school lost property as we will be unable to return to its rightful owner without a label. Many thanks, your EYFS team.

**Year 1** Year 1 have been busy enjoying our new book 'The Rainbow fish' we have put the story back in the correct order, used our drama skills to retell the story and looked at how the different characters are feeling. In Maths we have finished our work on place value and will be moving on to addition we will be using the 'part, part, whole' method were we build or draw the groups then put them together. In science we have been looking at reptiles and birds noting how they are similar and different. We are thrilled by how much reading the children are doing at home, it really does make such a huge difference. We are having a competition between the two classes, the class that has the most reads over the week get to have the 'Spotty, Dotty reading dog' join them for the week. Next week will be looking at punctuation and addition.

**Year 2** This week in Year 2, we have been writing a diary of the Dragon from our storybook, There Is No Dragon In This Story. We have been thinking about how the dragon felt at various points of the story in order to add this personal information to our diaries. In topic, we have been thinking about what the people who lived during The Great Fire of London would have seen, smelt, heard, felt and tasted as the fire was burning. Our fire dancing in PE is also coming along really well and we have learnt a new dance term called 'direction'. In maths we have been familiarising ourselves with the 100 square and have been looking at one more/less and ten more/less. Next week, we will be looking at writing a letter, important buildings in London and looking at how many tens and ones are in two-digit numbers. We have really enjoyed seeing all of the home learning projects that you and your child have done and we are looking forward to our Design and Make afternoon with you next Friday!

**Year 3** This week we had a great time learning about the Stone Age quite literally in the field, at Flag Fen. The weather behaved itself in the morning, when we were out and about, exploring the site. We visited the exhibitions, then we all took a turn in a dug out canoe. The roundhouse was so atmospheric, especially when we held the sword and made a wish. In maths we're really getting to grips with place value up to and including the thousands and then placing these numbers on a number line. Next week in literacy we'll be planning and writing our own Stone Age stories.

**Year 4** This week, Year 4 have been working on comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers. We have talked a lot about the value of digits and the most efficient way to compare numbers. We have also been working on problem solving and reasoning skills and how to explain the solutions. In our English lessons, we have been focused on writing skills and how to edit and improve our writing. We have acted out parts of a story to show the chronology and made freeze-frames of key scenes. In our art, we have started looking at the painting 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch. We have discussed the choice of colours and the impact on the mood of the painting. In science, we have been investigating vibrations and sound. We have worked on how we hear sounds. Next week, we will be writing a diary in role as a character and moving on to rounding to nearest 1000 and negative numbers in our place value maths.

**Year 5** Year 5 had another amazing week. In English, we have been very, very, very busy with planning, writing, editing, publishing our first Wheatfields Write 'Character Description of Rose Blanche' of Year 5. Children have showed true resilience whilst taking their Maths assessment. Next week, we will begin our new unit on addition and subtraction covering mental and written methods. In Topic, children have enjoyed creating Anne Frank's diary 'Kitty' and writing diary entry in role of Anne Frank. In PE, we have started learning skills to master the art of Tennis. Have a lovely weekend Year 5, you are all amazing!

**Year 6** The 'Remainers' have been absolutely fabulous this week! Whilst the rest of year six have gone off to Ironbridge, we have: bowled our socks off on Monday; made clay tiles on Tuesday; painted iron bridges on Wednesday (and floated away into dreaminess on the Great Ouse for our river trip); painted our clay tiles on Thursday (and also created collages on the Industrial Revolution) and finally on Friday we are off to Grafham Water for games of lasertag (where the teachers will CLEARLY win)! All in all, a wonderful week has been had by all!

**Music** This week in music our Y3 children worked out how Saint-Seans made music sound like cocks and hens. They noticed the difference between a violin and a viola and all had a go on a violin! In Y4 we have continued to learn about the life and music of Beethoven and are learning more notes on the keyboard. In Y5 we started to investigate other types of music which were composed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. We listened to Fanfare for the Common Man by Aaron Copland, followed it on a graphic score then recreated on class instruments. Our remaining Y6 pupils had a go at the dance moves for a Frightfest medley then learnt how to sign George Ezra's Shotgun with Mrs Barker. We are so lucky to have 80 children taking instrumental music lessons this year; we have visiting teachers for violin, recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, drumkit, ukulele, guitar and piano. If your child is enjoying their class music lessons and would like to take an instrument further, see the clubs lesson, talk to Mrs Merson or ask at the office.