

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** Both Ash and Beech class had lots of news to share after the half term break. We started the week off learning a new sound e, e, egg drop followed by r, r, roar. We had fun chalking outside to support our formation of the letters. Later in the week we will be learning h, h, I want my hat back. In our maths, we have been comparing two sets of objects and saying which one is "more than" or "fewer than" We have been encouraging the children to notice and discuss any differences between the objects. In our Forest Fun session, we had lots of fun trying out our new hammock. Lots of us went on the wobble ropes and the swing. We had pumpkins in the mud kitchen and used the hammers to hit tees in to them.

**Year 1 & Year 2** Key Stage 1 have had a super start to the new half term. Our new topic is 'Frozen Planet' so we will be finding out about the animals who live there and how they adapt to survive. In English, we have looked at 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs and used our inference skills to find out what was happening by looking carefully at the pictures. We then used adjectives and noun phrases in our writing to describe Tilly and The Bear. In maths we have continued look at adding with Year 1 using tens frames and part whole models and Year 2 adding 3 numbers to together and looking to make ten to help us. In Design and Technology, we made a moving picture using a slider, then children had to work carefully to follow the steps in the correct order. In PSHE, we have started our anti-bullying unit and in RE we have discussed how and why we celebrate birthdays. In Geography, we have started looking at the oceans and continents of the world and finding out where they are located.

**Year 3** What a fantastic first week back in year 3! The children have come back ready to learn and enthusiastic about our learning this term. In our English lessons, we have been looking at our class text 'Stone Age Boy' again but this time with a difference. We are now using all of the skills we learned last term to improve the text. We have added adjectives and adverbs as well as choosing more exciting verbs. We are editing our own page and these will be joined together to make a new class book when we have finished. In our maths, we have continued to focus on addition and subtraction. It's great to see how confident so many of the children are now and how quickly they can apply the strategies that we have learned. In our PSHE lessons we have started to think about friendships with friends both online and in person. We are focussing on the qualities of a good friend and what makes us a good friend to others.

**Year 4** English- We have begun to look at a new text this week called 'The Lost Happy Endings'. This week, we have discussed the main characters and the sequence of the story by using role play within the classroom. Maths- In Maths, we have been focusing on rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and also touching upon negative numbers. PE- After finishing Tennis last term, we have now started to look at passing in Netball, focusing on the chest and bounce pass. Geography- This term we have focused on looking at the 7 continents around the world and some of the countries that make up each one. Science- We started to investigate sound and some of the different sounds we might both outside and inside and what happens to sound when it moves further away. Art- This week we are starting tessellation and looking at the work by Escher this week.

**Year 5** The children had a fantastic Egyptian Day on Tuesday! The costumes were amazing, thank you! History Off the Page took us back in time to Ancient Egypt. In the morning, the children were able to take part in a variety of activities, including bread making, jewellery making, Canopic jar making, mummifying, making scented wax tablets and creating hieroglyphs on papyrus paper. The children will have brought home some of the activities to show you. In the afternoon, the children worked in groups to entertain the King and Queen by performing dances and acting out plays and we also had a banquet while we watched the performers. We are so grateful to all the adults that supported our day and to PAWs for funding the event. This week in English we have started a new book, 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman and we have been predicting what might happen in the story and we have also investigated words in the preface and found the definition of words we were unsure of using dictionaries. In Maths, we have been looking at multiples of numbers and discussing odd and even numbers and patterns.

**Year 6** WOW, what an amazing week we have had. The children have enjoyed discussing the character of Scrooge from the Christmas Carol and are using their inference skills to understand how Charles Dickens has created his characters and stories. In maths, we are focussing on long division before moving onto the 'the order of operations'. In History, we are enjoying the Victorians and the unbelievable facts about Queen Victoria. In Science, we have started our unit on 'light' which is fascinating. Overall, the week has been a great start to the term. Keep it up Year 6

**Music** The Word of the Week is 'Pitch'. We have been thinking about which instruments are high or low pitch and how we write pitch using a stave. We also thought about how pitch moves through a glissando. Y6 put the final touches to their 12 Bar Blues songs and performed to the class. Y5 watched their Egyptian chant videos and recapped what we have learnt during our Egyptian topic. We also sang a song about the Egyptians and started learning our Christmas song! In Y4, we started learning our Christmas song and continued to learn the recorder. In Y3, we started to learn the recorder thinking about our breath control and hand position.