

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week the children in EYFS have been writing letters to the Giant from Jack. The Giant wrote to share how sad he was that his pet hen and golden harp had been stolen. He explained he was a kind Giant and would always help anyone who asked. The children have been brainstorming ways to make it up to the giant including inviting him to a party, buying him a golden violin and of course writing back to say sorry. Alongside the children's problem solving within their literacy, they have also been applying this to investigating different number bonds to 10 & 20. Using numicon, cubes, double sided counters and dienes the children have shown lots of different ways to build ten and twenty using their number knowledge. Why not use your toys at home to have a go to? You could use sticks to build a ten frame and add stones, petals, leaves or any other treasures you find on a walk over the half term. We wish you all a very sunny and wonderful break and look forward to seeing you on the 7th of June.

**Year 1** Year 1 have been crown making, biscuit decorating, royal ball dancing Kings and Queens this week. We have had a truly spectacular time! Thank you to all parents and carers for creating some amazing outfits, they really did add magic to our Royal Ball. We are now curtsy and bow experts! In Art, we have continued to work on our cushions and this week we added the stuffing. We are very excited to be taking this creation home along with our clay crowns as we have worked extremely hard on them and can't wait to show them off. We finished our week by painting royal self-portraits! We did lots of other work this week including English, Maths, Phonics, PSHE, computing, PE and Geography but History was the highlight! We hope you all have a wonderful break and we know you will return to school feeling fresh and ready for our last half term together! Let's make it the best one yet!

**Year 2** This week in **English**, we have been writing instructions to help the farmer plant and grow some enormous bean plants. We have also written him a letter. Our handwriting focus was making adjectives by adding the suffix -er and there are activities on Readiwriter to help your child learn this important spelling rule. In **Maths**, we have been adding two digit numbers in columns and exchanging ones for tens and crossing the ten. We have also used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and number patterns to help us learn number bonds to 20. In **Geography**, we looked at the countries of the UK and saw how the Union flag is formed. In **Science**, we learnt about the plants we eat and we designed our own farms. **After half term**, in **English**, we will be meeting a family of meerkats and writing about them. We will find out where in the world meerkats come from and we will be writing postcards. Our spelling focus will be making adjectives by adding the suffix -er. In **Maths** we will be subtracting two 2 digit numbers using apparatus and drawings and then move on to exchanging tens and ones. We will also be adding three 1 digit numbers. Our new topic is called '**Sensational Safari**'. In Geography we will be studying our immediate environment while in science we will start to look at the classification of animals. In DT will be re visiting the paper sculpture techniques we studied in the autumn term.

**Year 3** In Year 3 this week the children have been finishing off their descriptive writing about Mount Vesuvius erupting in Pompeii. The children have been applying the skills that they learnt last week and it has been showing in their writing. The children have been visualising what it was like to help them, ready to edit and publish it into a book that will be kept in the classrooms. In Maths we have been completing our multiplication unit of work and to consolidate our learning by creating a picture based on our times table facts. The children have again enjoyed using the Numberlink to help them with their help them to complete this picture. We have also enjoyed singing the different multiplication songs on YouTube. In Topic the children created their own Roman Gods and Goddesses and they really enjoyed thinking about the powers that they could use and what they would be the God of and drawing their own pictures to match their ideas. Mr Puckey also taught the children a new game in PE this week called '3 ball cricket' and the children really enjoyed batting and fielding. But they all worked brilliantly as a team to complete the game.

**Year 4** It's been a very busy half term and Year 4 has worked exceptionally hard over the last seven weeks. (We think the children all deserve a holiday next week!!) We have finished typing up our Viking non-chronological reports and are ready to make information books to share with other classes. We have also finished reading The Iron Man, closely analysing the characters and plot ready for more work based on and inspired by the text next half term. We have started to think about pilgrimages in RE and why they are an important factor of religious life. Using pegs, cardboard and paper fasteners we designed our own switches in Science, which showed how a break in the circuit can stop the flow of electricity. In Maths we have revisited the different calculation strategies and continued practising our multiplication tables, ready for the MTC (Multiplication Table Check) after half term. We all enjoyed playing the new game of 3-ball cricket with Mr. Puckey this week. Have a lovely half term break, let's hope the sun shines all week long.

**Year 5** Another busy week in Year 5. Lots of revisiting concepts in all subjects of the curriculum. In Reading comprehension, we have looked carefully at the questions and put ourselves in author's shoes to understand how the author is trying to make us feel. We were being detectives with English writing when identifying the mistakes; capital letters, punctuation and grammar. In Maths, we have practiced written methods for all four operations along with fractions. Cricket has been so much fun in PE and we shall miss it next term. All the children in Year 5 have challenged themselves and blown our socks off. We are very proud of all of you. Happy half term Year 5!

**Year 6** In a brilliant final week before half-term (Year Six's final one at Wheatfields), the pupils have been hard at work making sure their Greek myths are entertaining and dramatic! Not only this, but a lot of maths this week as we prepare for the assessments next month, as well as the usual P.E. of basketball and the daily mile (still being enjoyed by everyone)! Finally, in R.E. and philosophy, we have been gathering our overall thoughts about life and death (very deep-thinking)!

**Music** The Word of the Week is 'Time Signature'. The time signature tells us how many beats are in a bar. Year 3 have finished their topic about Reggae music by composing their own riffs to play along to Three Little Birds. Year 4 have explored another piece of Programme Music by Mussorgsky; Night on a Bare Mountain. We noticed how Mussorgsky uses instruments and musical devices to tell the story. We recreated some of the motifs using classroom instruments. Year 5 have continued to discover what makes Egyptian music sound Egyptian by learning to play motifs from our song, Camel Driver, on the glockenspiels. Year 6 have been exploring chords in more detail and this week we made up our own class 12 Bar Blue songs.