

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** In Ash and Beech class, we have been learning about Remembrance Day and why we remember on this day. Our phonics learning this week have included the letters f, ff, l, ll, ss, and u, we have made shields and ladybirds. In our maths, we have been deepening our understanding of five. We have developed our counting skills and selecting objects to this number. We worked in pairs to find the correct amount and shared this knowledge with our friends. In the forest fun sessions, this week we collected leaves and challenged ourselves to balance on different objects. Lots of fun was had climbing on the crates and logs.

**Year 1 & Year 2** Key Stage 1 have had another super busy week of learning. In English, we have thought about how the Bear and Tilly feeling during the story, we have also used speech and thought bubbles to give a voice to the Bear. In maths, we have been looking at subtraction and finding the different fact families for 3 numbers. In science, we went on a mini-beast hunt looking in micro-habitats. In design and technology, we made sliding penguin cards. In RE we have looked at why Christmas is important for Christians and in PSHE we are looking friendships ready for anti-bullying week next week. In PE, we really enjoyed our netball lesson on Tuesday. We have also started learning our songs and dances for our Christmas production.

**Year 3** To kick start the week, Year 3 had a publishing day and they were able to complete their publication of their own version of Stone Age Boy. The children looked really smart as they came in in their suits and ties and they loved their 'coffee breaks' and business meetings. In Maths this week, the children have been looking at measuring and how to use a metre stick. The children have also been converting centimetres and metres by using their previous knowledge to help them with this part of their learning. In English this week, the children have jumped deep into their learning of their new text type that we will be creating. The children have been creating movements to help them remember the features of a non-chronological report (ask them to perform them at home). In Geography the children have been looking at directions of 'left' and 'right' and they have watched a great video to help them with this. The children gave each other directions to different points on a map. PSHE was lovely this week, as the children were making lists about how they would make someone feel welcome or to become their friend. Some of their ideas were amazing! For our spelling lessons this week, the children have been looking at doubling a consonant when adding a suffix. E.g. hop + ing ask them to talk you through the rules.

**Year 4** Year 4 are continuing to immerse themselves in the story of the Lost Happy Endings and looked more closely at the text in preparation for writing a character description of the witch. It was great to see some using some fabulous vocabulary to describe the sinister, malicious old hag! In maths, we have been using formal methods for addition and subtraction making sure we always line up the digits so not to make mistakes. It has been all about the vibrations in science which are the source of sounds and in geography, the children have been locating countries in Europe on a map.

**Year 5** This week in English, we have continued with our new book, 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman and we have been introduced to some new characters. We have taken notes by retrieving information from the text and then drawn a picture to show what we think a particular character looks like. We have labelled our pictures with the information we retrieved from the book. We are also writing some instructions on how to take care of the character, Sir Ironsoul, a Knight in armor. In Math's we have been looking at factors of numbers and finding factor pairs and common factors. We have designed posters to show what we know using Venn diagrams and arrays and have used mathematical language to explain to others about what we know. We have been learning about Judaism in R.E. So far, we have been finding out where and when Judaism started and to understand the origins of Judaism. As well as this, we have been recognising what or who influences us and to recognise that beliefs and opinions affect our behaviour. We have learnt that the Torah influences Jewish people

**Year 6** This week Year 6 have been busy working on a fact file on Queen Victoria as part of our Victorians topic. Alongside this, we have been reading further into our text 'A Christmas Carol' and preparing to write a letter from Fred to Scrooge to invite him to Christmas dinner. In maths, we have been investigating the order of operations. Amongst all this, we managed to find time to make a visit to St. Ivo to watch their excellent Ivolution dance performance!

**Music** The word of the week is 'melody' which is a musical sentence; another word for a tune. We have been looking at the shape of melodies in our Christmas songs. This week we have started learning our Christmas songs. We have made a good start and are thinking about the singing techniques to improve our performance.