

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week in EYFS we have fully entered in to the countdown to Christmas! We started the week with some special post and a hunt around school, looking for clues! It lead to a fabulous surprise – the Jolly Christmas Postman book! We have started reading the book and talking about the different characters and rhymes. We have been busy making Christmas decorations and practising our Christmas songs for our performance too! In maths we have been continuing to think about 2d shapes and trying to spot them in the environment. We went on a shape walk around school to see how many shapes we could find! Next week we will be continuing with our Christmas festivities and prepping for Christmas by making cards and decorations too!

**Year 1** It's been another busy week in Year 1! We launched the week with a hunt around the school to find letters from the Jolly Christmas Postman. This is the book we are focusing on for the next few weeks and the children are thoroughly enjoying it so far! In Maths, we have introduced our unit on composition of numbers to 5. We have been representing numbers in different ways, using ordinal numbers and partitioning numbers. In RE, we have been looking at how Christians celebrate Christmas. In Art, we have been drawing different patterns. We have been practising our Christmas song ready for our filming day on Friday! Please remember to come into school in a Christmas jumper/outfit on this day.

**Year 2** This week we have been inventing our own superhero for our story! We have had Bionic Bananas and Iron Tomatoes. Next week, we will be writing our very own version of Supertato with our creations! In Maths, we have embedding our knowledge and understanding of partitioning numbers and finding 10. This has helped us with our understanding of addition and subtraction. The children have really grasped the concept of part-part whole models and Mrs Khan-Blacker (our Maths specialist) came to visit us to see how we are getting on. She was blown away with our knowledge! We really enjoyed filming our Christmas video this week and we hope you enjoy it!

**Year 3** In year 3 this week we have continued with our learning about the United Kingdom. We have looked at the seas and oceans around the UK and learnt about the rivers. We have enjoyed looking at the atlases and locating cities across the UK. This links with our English topic. We are planning and writing non-chronological reports all about the United Kingdom for Mr Dove to read. This will help him to decide where to go when he goes off on his travels next time. In maths we have continued with our learning about 3 digit numbers. This week we have compared them using <, + and >. We have ordered them too in ascending and descending order. The year 3 teachers are very impressed with all of the hard work at home on the home learning projects. We are looking forward to seeing the rest of them over the next few days.

**Year 4** Rehearsals are well underway for our Christmas production and we can't wait to share it with you. We have been bowled over by the fantastic attitude from all the children when practising, Miss Charlotte works very hard to support the children and that is shining through in rehearsals. The diary entries, that the year 4's have written this week, have impressed us: they have referred back to their tool kits and diary plans and been resourceful in using dictionaries and thesaurus to support their learning. In Geography, we have been learning all about physical and human attributes, we researched places in Norway to find differences between England and Norway and will be continuing this research to write a comparison.

**Year 5** Another amazing week in Year 5! We have been planning our non-chronological report about 'Egyptian God'. Children have been working really hard to use complex sentences, topic sentences and generalisers. They have also been working really hard on using the four operations of maths, revising their times tables, practicing rounding and understanding square and cube numbers. Along with that, Year 5 has been practising their Christmas performance and songs, which we can't wait to share with you soon. Keep going Year 5, you are all doing a great job!!

**Year 6** **This week, in English**, we found out about Scrooge and Marley's ghost. We wrote a letter in role as Fred to Uncle Scrooge, trying to persuade him to come to Christmas dinner. We learnt to spell word families, based on common words. **This week in Maths** we calculated percentages of amounts, as well as understanding which fractions, decimals and percentages are equivalent. We extended our thinking to include percentage increases and decreases! **In our Topic**, we completed our projects about Victorian working children. We also wrote Christmas wishes. **Next week, in English** we will be learning about some of the settings in A Christmas Carol. We will compare Scrooge's house and the home of the Cratchit family. We will learn to spell words with the prefixes micro- and mini-. Please remind your child to go onto Readwriter regularly. **In Maths** we will be learning to read, write and convert between standard units. We will also be measuring and estimating using length, width and height, as well as units of mass and capacity. **On Friday**, it will be our final swimming session. **In our Topic**, we will complete our D&T projects, creating a Victorian puppet theatre.

**Music** The Word of the Week has been 'Stave' which is the five lines that music is written on. To name a note we also need to put a clef at the start of our music. We use Mnemonics and memory aids to help us remember note names. This week we have been recording our Star Songs for our Christmas 'performance'! We all looked fabulous in our Christmas jumpers and tried hard with our performance skills. There is a lot to remember!