

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week the children have been so excited after a space rocket crash landed in the middle of Miss Whittle's carpet! They used this excitement to design their own storyboards ready to begin learning how to animate on the Ipad next week. As part of this preparation the children have also been using junk modeling and playdough to create the extra setting pieces they need to bring their animation to life. Alongside all of this amazing storytelling learning the children have also been exploring their teen numbers. They have been trying to link the numeral to an amount in addition to recalling them out of order. Keep up the good work Class 1 and 2.

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have researched nocturnal animals to help us when we need to write our non chronological report. We looked at the features of a report and used a dictionary to look up the definitions of new words. In maths we have been learning about money, money, money! The children have been sorting money coins talking about their respective value and learning to add coins together to make up a payable amount. In science we have been continuing to write our animal fact files using non-fiction library books to find out more information. In art we have painted the details onto our clay owl models. In phonics we have reviewed the 'ew' sound and have looked at all its alternative spellings.

**Year 2** This week, in English, our focus text has been 'Man on the Moon – A day in the life of Bob', by Simon Bartram You can share this story with your child on this youtube clip [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO\\_B7CT\\_-Cs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO_B7CT_-Cs) Talk to your child about your day – what do you do? What do they do each day? How does this compare to Bob's day. What would they do if they worked on the moon? Have you ever visited a place and been shown round by a tour guide, like Bob? In Maths, we have been learning our multiplication tables. These facts help us to multiply and divide. Can you help your child learn to recite their 2x <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yf3xgE8wMc> 10x [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVdE5O7\\_qf8&t=0s&index=10&list=PLy5y4S8L1cWFx3n0BZ7ZjpBp6XxDzPqN](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVdE5O7_qf8&t=0s&index=10&list=PLy5y4S8L1cWFx3n0BZ7ZjpBp6XxDzPqN) and 5x <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KyDZ7f1RfE> table facts? We have been teaching the children to use arrays to help them make multiplication calculations – our homework this week will support this learning. In our topic, we continue to learn about space and we have been very impressed with the model designs that the children have produced. We have been science investigators learning that things melt when they get too hot and get very cold when they are in the freezer. We then thought about the hottest planets that are closest to the sun and coldest planets that are furthest away from the sun. Most of the children decided that they didn't want to live on these planets and they were happy to stay living on earth!

**Year 3** We have had an amazing week in year 3. It started in maths with exploring fractions on a number line, not just with shapes. We progressed onto fractions of numbers and finished off looking at different angles in 2D shapes. Literacy has been a tad scary as we have created strange mythical creatures. But don't worry we have also created the heroes who will hopefully save the day! Front to back bit a been its science in, as we've been looking at how the reflections in mirrors are created and how they change what we see! And yes, we did try mirror writing. A whole lot trickier than you think! We can't wait to start to write our mythical stories next week!

**Year 4** In Year 4 we have had another busy week. In literacy we have been practising using inverted commas for speech and looked at writing a detailed character description. We have also looked at the characters in Viking boy and discussed the different ways in which the author describes them. In maths we have finished off our work with place value and will be moving on to measures next week. If you get a chance have a look how the weight and capacity of different objects, you could even get in some practise by baking in the kitchen! Class 9 have been getting ready for their class assembly and are looking forward to sharing their learning.

**Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have been learning about using similes, metaphors and personification in our writing. Coupled with using expanded noun phrases about the rainforest. It's been raining cats and dogs this week with the children's fabulous contributions. They're creative champions! In maths we have finished learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers, which intriguingly all link together... We have explored South America and have named the countries and capital cities as well as pin pointing where the Amazon Rainforest is located. Next week we are looking forward to writing more extended pieces of writing about the beautiful rainforests.

**Year 6** Class 13's wonderful assembly this week was proof that it is not all about SATs in Year 6, as they showcased just a small sample of the variety learning that has been happening since September. A trip down memory lane to the Ironbridge residential, Art, Topic, Science and role play, glimpses into our enjoyment of all we have done. In Literacy we have been mucking about with sentences this week, investigating different techniques to improve them. We changed the verb, added an adverb, described the noun using not just adjectives, but similes and metaphors, added clauses and even rearranged clauses for effect. We continued our work on place value in Mathematics, ordering 7-digit numbers and reminding ourselves how to multiply and divide by multiples of 10. In P.E. we put our newly acquired tennis skills into practice as we paired up and tried to keep a rally going.

**Music** We have had a week of improvising and composing in music! Y3 improvised patterns on their recorders to play along with Three Little Birds. Y4 have been exploring the bass clef and are becoming very knowledgeable about Chopin. In Y5 we improvised patterns based on food rhythms and we were much better this week than last week! We also sang an African song in two part harmony! In Y6 we composed our own pieces based on Holst's Venus making sure we used a melodic motif. We used musical devices to create calm, peaceful music.