

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** The children have had a great start back to school this week. They have been excited to share their holiday news and get stuck back into learning across the classroom. Our new topic is fairy tales this term and we have begun with the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have been storytelling main events, creating constructions with different materials, writing materials lists, creating wanted posters and even noticing the 3D shapes we looked at last half term in the blocks they are using. We have all been very impressed with their attitudes to learning when approaching their independent application of their knowledge. Lastly, we are excited to celebrate that the children have been awarded the bronze award for the RSPB Wild Challenge for the hard work the children have been doing in forest school.

**Year 1** It has been a very busy start to the term for Year 1, they came into school with mysterious blue footprints around the school. The children started to predict what they thought left the blue footprints around the school. Once they had done their investigating for Mr Dove they discovered that it was The Bog Baby, which is going to be the book that we focus on this term. The children have also been looking at positional language to describe where objects are in Maths this week, this is also going to be used in our computing sessions this term. In Phonics the children are focusing on the 'ure' sound this week and looking at the alternative spellings for this sound.

**Year 2** In Year 2, we have started learning about our new topic 'Ready, Steady, Grow' and we have been sharing facts and information about animals and plants; what they need to grow and where they live. In our reading, we have been answering questions about spring and finding out what the words 'migrate' and 'hibernate' mean. We will be looking at life cycles and habitats in the coming weeks. In Maths, we have been creating and interpreting tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. We have been finding the total, finding 'how many more' and talking about the most or least of something, using the information we can see on the charts. In English, we have been using apostrophes to make contracted words eg did not - didn't.

**Year 3** We hope you all had a lovely break. The children have settled in well and have been writing recounts about their holidays and sharing some of them with us. We started this term with an exciting topic about the Old Testament and stories that are found in it. We have talked about the lessons we can learn from each story. Friday afternoon was exciting time as we took part in the sponsored events and had lots of fun.

**Year 4** Year 4 have had a super first week back. In literacy we have started our new class text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes the children loved reading the first part of the story and have made their predictions about what they think will happen in the story. In maths we have started our unit of shape and have learnt how to draw angles using a protractor, which the children really enjoyed once they got the hang of it. In science we have begun our investigation into forces and magnets we have looked at different pushes and pulls. The children really impressed the staff with their swimming skills on Thursday they also behaved really well walking there and back (even with the rain!) and while they waited for their time in the water.

**Year 5** What a wonderful week to come back on! The sun is shining for our very sunny topic about Ancient Egypt. We are so pleased with how much the children have learnt over the holiday! We have hit the ground running with our Literacy and have dived straight into non-chronological report writing! We have been unpicking the features of reports and asking the question why? In maths we have been getting our brains in gear zooming through the wonderful world of fractions. We also thoroughly enjoyed our sponsored event day mixing with the other year groups and having a jolly good time! Just a reminder, we have our Ancient Egyptian day on Wednesday! Everyone is SO excited!!!

**Year 6** We are back! Thankful for a good break, we are on the last leg of an awesome journey. It is going to be a really busy and 'full on' term but we are ready for it. This week we have been doing a lot of 'SPAG' revision; main and subordinate clauses, relative clauses, phrases and clauses, just to name a few. In Topic we have just started to look at the water cycle. We are just concluding the last few topics in Mathematics and have been learning about coordinates. We will then spend time going through things we are not sure of or have forgotten.

**Music** We have made a good start to our new topics for this term! Year 5 have been singing and playing along with 'Livin' on a Prayer' and are learning to describe the features of rock music. In Year 3 we have started to learn about Mozart and his woodwind concertos. We are also improving our recorder skills. Our Year 4 topic is Programme Music and we are focusing on Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky.