

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week we were shocked to arrive at school and find out that somebody had stolen all of our bikes! The Police had been and left us clues to help us track down the thief. We hunted around school and finally found out that it was the Tricky Troll who had taken them and hidden them in the foggy forest! It has really inspired us and we have been busy writing up incident reports and role playing as Police officers.

**Year 1** It has been another busy week in Year 1. In Maths we are now working on addition calculations. We have been practising holding a number in our head and then using our fingers to count on. In Literacy we have been writing the pages to go in our non-fiction Autumn book for Father Christmas. In Phonics this week we have learnt another new sound 'wh' with the caption action, 'Where's Whiffy Wilson'. The children have spotted this sound in a few of our tricky words too. In History we have learnt about toys from the past. The children enjoyed looking at the evolution of toys from every decade starting from the pre 1950's era.

**Year 2** Inverse operations! You read correctly! Year 2 have been using their understanding of addition and subtraction to solve calculations that involve them using the inverse operation to generate an answer! Both classes have then used the formal methods they have learnt to add and subtract to demonstrate their understanding. In Literacy we received an email from the parent of the main character of the book we have been reading for the last couple of weeks. Tilly's mum has asked us to write a set of instructions to help parents look after invited Polar Bears in their houses! The children consequently discussed the different features of instructions, why we have instructions and how they can write a successful set of instructions! The Key Stage 1 performance practise continues to go well and the adults would like to thank all parents/carers who have helped their children learn their lines. We would like to remind you that the deadline for the children's costumes to be handed in is this Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please could you ensure that all clothing, as well as the bag the costumes come in, has your child's name in/on them.

**Year 3** A big well done to class 7 this week who did brilliantly with their class assembly. It was lovely to see and hear every child taking part. In class this week the children have been planning and writing their own non-chronological reports. These reports are based on the information that we have found in the book Stone Age Boy. The children have organized their writing into paragraphs and have used sub-headings to make their writing more clear. In our Maths lessons, the children have been measuring. We began by measuring length; estimating first and practising using rulers accurately. We have also measured capacity using litres and millilitres. Thank you to those children who brought in packets, bottles and jars for us to use.

**Year 4** Year 4 have carried on looking at Father Christmas and have been exploring instructions. We have looked at all the different features and improved instructions about how to make breakfast. In Maths we have been looking at doubling and halving 3 digit numbers by using partitioning. We will be moving on to fractions soon! In Geography we have been looking at the different flags in Europe and improving our map reading skills by using atlases. In PE we have been practicing our different netball throws. We are still doing PE outside so please remember that the children need to bring in tracksuit trousers and a sweat-top as part of their kit to help keep them warm. We have also started learning the songs for our Christmas production, please help your child learn the poem as part of their homework.

**Year 5** A fusion of topics this week has engulfed the Year 5 unit! Maths, Literacy, Christmas preparation and we even managed to squeeze in a trip to Duxford! We had a rare opportunity to ask veterans (who were alive at the time of World War 2) how they felt about the war and their experiences of being in the army, navy and RAF. As well as this, we explored the hangars at Duxford and even got to board Concorde! Year 5 should be very proud of themselves and the way they behaved on the trip, they made Wheatfields very proud! We are looking forward to having our World War 2 day next week.

**Year 6** In Year we have been letting our creative writing juices flow, in the warmth of a warm fire (virtual of course) and calming tea lights! Our focus continues to be to ensure that the basics are firmly embedded in every piece of writing we produce, across the curriculum. We must ensure that what we write has all necessary full stops and capital letters and that our sentences make sense! In Mathematics we have shifted our focus to working out the perimeter and area of 2D shapes. We are beginning to understand why we should not compartmentalize the concepts we learn in Maths as they often appear in other concepts. For example, fractions reared its head in our work on calculating perimeter. In PE we practised the skills required to score those all important goals. It was not as easy as it initially appeared. A trip to St Ivo School to watch 'Ivolution' was a welcome treat on Tuesday afternoon!

**Music** The Singing Starz and Wednesday Boys are looking forward to singing for the opening of the Christmas Fayre on Friday! Words are being sent home today via parentmail for our Christmas Carol concert - please start memorising them! They can also be found on the school website.