

# This week in the classrooms...

## Reception

Reception have had another very busy week. We continued our focus on 'The Little Red Hen' and wrote bread recipes and lists of equipment needed on a farm. In Maths, the boys have been busy subtracting through a variety of activities and games. We had a fantastic World Book Day on Thursday and enjoyed taking part in lots of Alice in Wonderland activities including pin the smile on the Cheshire Cat, making Cheshire Cat ears, Alice in Wonderland Phonics and making puppets. In Phonics this week, we recapped the sounds air, ear, igh, ure, ch, sh, th and ng.

## Year 1

The boys learned their final split digraph, a\_e for cake and really impressed us with their decoding ability! In Maths, we made our own clocks and learned that the clock is like a curved number-line. The boys practised reading and drawing o'clock and half past times. In English, we looked at various London landmarks and the boys created their own fact-files about their favourite landmark using adjectives. We embarked on our new topic, 'Castles and Palaces' in History, looking at various features of castles such as battlements, moats, turrets and portcullises. To round off the week, Year 1 had an Alice in Wonderland themed round robin on Thursday where they completed various crafts and activities with different teachers.

## Year 2

In Year 2, a week of delight, boys crafting beasts, their skills taking flight. With noun phrases expanded, descriptions so grand, vocabulary choices stylish, creating characters unplanned. In Maths, the realm of measurements we explore, using rulers with care, precision galore. Centimetres and meters, units to grasp, Numbers and lengths, in our learning class. Then Thursday arrived with a magical sound, Pardes transformed to Wonderland, all around. World Book Day festivities, a joyous sight, activities carousel, Alice's world taking flight. The boys immersed in fantastical play, linked to our book, in a whimsical way. Let's see what next week has in store!!

## Year 3

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 3. In Maths, we have been learning about converting measurements including length, mass and capacity. We then used this to solve word problems. We learned about writing formal letters in English and have planned our own persuasive letters to the Onceler, which we will write and edit next week! In Geography, we looked at some of the human and physical features of North America. We learned how mirrors reflect light in Science using mirrors and torches. Our 'Alice in Wonderland' themed World Book Day was great fun! We took part in a Round Robin of activities including making mad hatter hats, domino soldiers, tea party cups and Cheshire cats!

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we learnt how to calculate the perimeter and area of a shape. In English, we learnt what features are in a set of instructions, made some rice krispie treats and wrote up a list of ingredients and what we need, as well as the method and some top tips too. In Science, we explained how sound travels from the source (instrument or person) through the air particles and to the person's ear and through their ear canal. On Thursday, we had World Book Day which was so exciting as we had a whole day of round robin, went to different classes and did different art activities to do with Alice in Wonderland. We hope you enjoyed seeing the boys' creations at home and they can tell you all about the fantastic assembly over Shabbos.

## Year 5

This week, Year 5 has been exploring measurement as well as getting to grips with book week. We are still reading 'Street Child' and enjoying the accompanying tasks. This week 'Alice in Wonderland' was all the rage around Pardes House and Year 5 got involved with both the reading, assembly and some activities. Volcanoes and Earthquakes were also introduced as our next topic in Humanities. It was a jam packed week and the boys had fun!

## Year 6

This week we started yet another suspenseful story. We watched a video clip called Alma and are starting to plan a sequel. In Maths, we are delving into the world of algebra. The boys loved the challenge and felt very grown up.