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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, and Fellow Bears,

Thank you so much for helping us to enjoy another fabulous week at school. We've all been getting into the flow of our new school life this term and can't believe it's nearly October already!

Reception

The children in Reception has continued to settle into their new classes this week and have been introduced to the bark chip area as part of their outdoor learning. They have spent time talking about how they can make their classroom a nice place to be and have made their own class rules.

Year 1

Year 1 have continued to enjoy reading the whole school book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and the focus this week has been looking after the planet and living things. They made collages of their favourite things which were then cut out and used to make a map of the world for the display here. The children have enjoyed their outdoor learning, making bird feeders and cakes which they will be encouraged to take home to hang in the garden. In Maths, the children practised number bonds and place value and have played hopscotch outside. The children have considered how the Great Fire of London started and why it spread so quickly and in PE the children have started to learn and practise Tag Rugby skills.



Year 2

The topic in Year 2 is Castles and Dragons and the children will be looking at the book 'George and the Dragon Machine' and thinking about what dragons might look like. In Art, we then practised our drawing skills by starting to sketch dragon's eyes. In Science, we have looked at how to identify living and non-living things and have grown some bulbs in class.

Year 3

In Year 3 this week the children have started to read 'There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath' by Jeremy Strong, using the blurb to create their own front covers. In Maths, they have used our place value skills to mental addition strategies and have focussed on using a number line to add two 2-digit numbers together. In topic this week the children have learned more about the importance of the River Nile and have created fact files about this.

Year 4

The children in Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their 2-day outdoor activity trips to Longridge this week and prepared themselves in English beforehand by writing about the different activities they were looking forward to taking part in. In Art, the children completed some watercolour paintings based around Longridge.

Year 5

The theme this week in Year 5 has been 'Beowulf'. The children have been reading the text and using this for inspiration when writing their character descriptions of Beowulf. They have then written a letter, in role as Beowulf to Beowulf's father. In Maths, the children have completed some assessments and in Science, the children have been investigating which materials keep liquids hot.

Year 6

In English this week, the children in Year 6 have started to write narratives based on the idea of a character who discovers super powers on entering the ocean. At the beginning of the week, the children wrote the final versions of these stories once they had edited them. In Maths, the children have continued to look at formal methods used in calculation, focussing on multiplication and division and the concepts of factors, multiples and powers within this. In our topic work the children have learned more about the countries involved in World War I including the alliances and empires that evolved as a result. Finally, the children enjoyed their first lesson and introduction to playing the Guitar with Berkshire Maestros.

Longridge - Year 4

Thank you to the Year 4 team who supported the children at Longridge this week. The children have grown so much in just two days and have gained so much confidence in themselves and in each other. They have paddle-boarded, climbed, completed a 'Leap of Faith' and kayaked. The weather hasn't been too kind but even so, everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



Lots of bearhugs,
Hector

