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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of our second week of all the children being back with us, it's as if we were never apart for the length of time we were. The children have settled back into life of the school so well and are demonstrating impressive learning behaviours.

To add to their egg-citement of being back, we welcomed the 'Living Eggs' into school on Monday. We were thrilled when our first chick hatched early on Wednesday morning and then 8 others yesterday. We have 3 male chicks (yellow) and 6 female (brown). The children have been visiting them over the past couple of days and will do so again from Monday. Next week, they will be able to hold them too. Many thanks to Mrs Loveday and her family for offering to look after them this weekend.



Reception

We've had lots of fun learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and hot seating the Giant asking him all sorts of questions. We've been ordering 'magic' beans up to 20 and are learning a doubling song. It's been fun cooking bone bread, making green bean leaves and air drying clay beans. So many beans! We've planted sunflower seeds and can't wait to see them sprout!

Year 1

We've had great fun this week, playing 'shop' in our Maths lessons, 'paying' for items and giving and receiving change. We went on a Spring walk and looked at and discussed all the signs of Spring. We also explored the 'web of life' for plants and looked at the parts of a plant and their functions. We've started to learn about classification of deciduous and evergreen trees. This week, in English we've learnt more about spelling, punctuation and grammar and recapped compound words, questions and statements. We explored the past and present tense and considered nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.

Year 2

This week we've used our creativity to plan and resource our own lesson about Chocolate. We really enjoyed deciding what our own learning objectives should be and how we could achieve the lesson outcome. In Maths, we've started a unit on measurement, starting with length. We looked at the different units of measurement used for this, then went on a hunt around school to estimate and compare lengths of different objects. It was really interesting looking at a variety of scales and learning how to read them accurately. We put a lot of time into our presentations for the Eco and School Council Elections and are really proud of them.



Year 3

This week, we've continued to read 'Stone Age Tales: The Great Cave' by Terry Deary and we story-boarded the key events from the chapters we've read and used this to plan and write our own diary entries from Willow's perspective. We enjoyed illustrating our finished diary entries and learning about the Beaker people from the Iron Age. Their pottery designs are amazing and we can't wait to make our own next week! In Maths, we've been practising our multiplication skills and revising our knowledge of time and in RE we made our own Crosses from tissue paper after learning about the importance of the symbol for Easter.



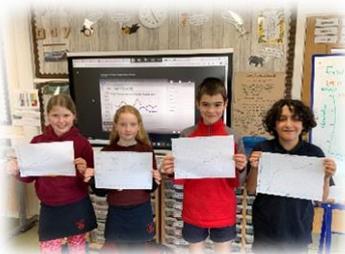
Year 4

We've been learning the formal written method for multiplication in Maths this week. We've analysed a suspense video clip together with our bank of ideas in English and used some genre specific tools to create suspense, such as prophetic fallacy, alliteration and short sentences. We're going to start reading non-fiction texts in Guided Reading and are really enjoying our Electricity topic in Science. We've been testing materials to see whether they are conductors or insulators and in our ICT lesson we had great fun making stop motion videos - we can't wait to share them with you when we've completed them. Here are some of the Roman Clay Pots we've made this week.



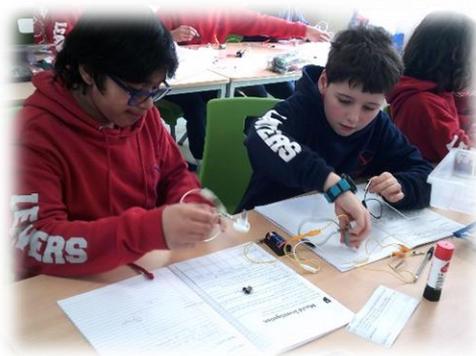
Year 5

This week, we've continued our work on statistics and have been solving comparison, sum and difference problems using information from past censuses presented in line graphs. We've been describing the key features of a mountain range in Geography, using vocabulary like valley, summit, foot, outcrop, plateau etc and have continued to learn about the movement of the Earth and other planets in Space in our Science lessons. We're really enjoying our computing lessons where we've been coding using Scratch. This week we've focussed on the Control, Sensing and Operator tabs.



Year 6

This week, we've been building on our advert writing and exploring different media. We're planning our own TV advert and are looking forward to acting them out. We've been studying the use of line graphs in our work on data and statistics in Maths and been exploring stop-motion in computing. In our topic work, we've continued to explore the biomes of North America and the range of forests throughout the continent. It's been really interesting learning about the different climates in the varied environments and all the flora and fauna within them.



School and Eco Council Elections

The children put a lot of time and effort into their presentations to their classmates about why they would like to be a School or Eco Councillor. Congratulations to all children who have been elected by their peers to represent them.

Parent Class Reps

Many thanks for all the parents how attended our recent Class Rep Meeting with myself and Mrs Fallon.

Car Ports

Thank you to all the parents who came into school just before pick up on Monday to help pull the tarpaulin roof panels back onto the car port frames. We very much appreciate your help!

Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful weekend.

Mrs Edwards