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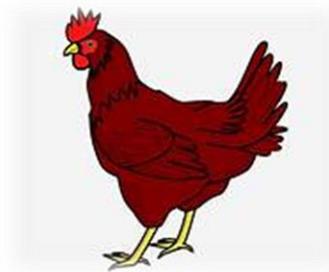
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it's October already?! Weren't we blessed with some fabulous weather in September? In fact, I can't remember us ever having warmer temperatures for our Year 4 Longridge trip, which took place last week. HUGE thanks to Chris Ellison, Matt Leach, Pete Rosser and Jon Carter, as well as everyone at Caversham Heath Golf Club, for their time and support organising such a wonderful fundraising Golf Day yesterday. It has taken 2 years for this event to come to fruition and was a fabulous day which, with Match Funding will have raised around £13,000. Thank you to everyone who participated in it and made it such a fun and successful day!



Reception

This week, we started our topic of 'The Little Red Hen' and couldn't believe it when Mrs Loveday brought some hens into school yesterday! Seeing them really helped us when we were learning to label parts of a hen. We also used actions to help us to remember the sequence of events for the story. In Phonics, we've been learning to recognise, write and say the phonemes l, n, m and d and in Maths we've been focusing on counting. We have also been learning Autumn songs, Spanish greetings, moving on mats in Gymnastics and enjoying Forest School activities.

Year 1

It was lovely to go on our Autumn walk on Tuesday and we used our word lists to help us write sentences about what we saw. We also pretended to be Samuel Pepys using hot seating. In Maths, we looked at how to make 'teen numbers and use this to add and subtract. In Art, we took a good look at ourselves and created sketch self portraits which we then painted to enhance them. In RE, we've been exploring Islam as a faith and what it means to be a Muslim, as well as thinking about the significance of the Quran.

Year 2

This week, we published our writing from last week and enjoyed showing it to Mrs Fallon. We've been using the same structure as Zog to plan and write our own version of what Gaddabout learnt in each year of Knight School. In Maths, we've been building on our knowledge of place value, looking at placing numbers on a landmarked or empty number line and in Science we've been looking at the different life processes.

Year 3

We've really enjoyed writing our diary entries from the perspective of Sennapod. We've learnt so much about editing as we've gone along and created our own stars and wishes to celebrate what we did well and what needs to be improved. In Maths, we've continued our unit on addition and learnt a new method called 'Expanded Column Method'. We really enjoyed using this to solve addition word problems. In Topic, we learnt about how the Ancient Egyptians could farm because of the River Nile and we enjoyed creating our own Ancient Egyptian farm tools.

Year 4

Following on from last week's planning lessons, we've been writing our own 'Just So' stories. In Maths, we concluded our learning of place value by adding 1000 more or less to a number, comparing and ordering 4 digit numbers, looking at numbers up to 10,000 and counting backwards, through zero and on to negative numbers. We revisited our salt dough maps from last week and painted and labelled them before moving on to learning about the layers of the rainforest and discovering which plants grow where. In Science, we went on a walk in the Playing Fields, hunting for invertebrates. We used a key to name the invertebrates we found and identified them by looking at their characteristics.



Year 5

This week, we used our planning grids from last week to write newspaper articles on the defeat of Grendel. We tried to use reporter's language and used direct and indirect quotes in our writing. We completed an end of topic place value assessment on Monday and in Science, we've been helping to organise a Camp Bestival by carrying out their investigations into the best materials for a food prep surface. We worked collaboratively to find out which surfaces are waterproof and scratch resistant.

Year 6

This week, we've been unpicking the skills required for real, high quality editing. We explored how an author makes use of a range of strategies and tools to effectively correct and improve our work and used these to upload our autobiographies. In Maths, we've been using BODMAS to complete calculations in the correct sequence and have started looking into British opinions on The First World War. This included us exploring both Primary and Secondary Sources, analysing how they were used, to create a picture of how public opinion on the war changed over time. We've been developing our observational skills in Art and exploring a range of scientists who have contributed to our understanding of evolution. Here are some more of our portraits!



Twitter

The school has a Twitter Feed - please follow [@AtHeadteacher](#) for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Cross Country at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 2 nd October
Year 6 to Skern Lodge	Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th October
World Mental Health Day	Monday 11 th October
Year 2 to Warwick Castle	Friday 15 th October
Reception to Bucklebury Farm	Monday 18 th October
Year 6 Heights & Weights	Tuesday 2 nd November
Flu Immunisations (Rescheduled Date)	Friday 5 th November
Tempest - Individual/Sibling School Photos	Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th November
Children in Need	Friday 12 th November
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 th December

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards

