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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another beautiful Autumnal week and we've been making the most of it with all our curricular and extra-curricular activities. There's no question that the children are already starting to get a little excited about the lead up to Christmas. Is it my imagination, or does the lead up seem to start earlier each year?

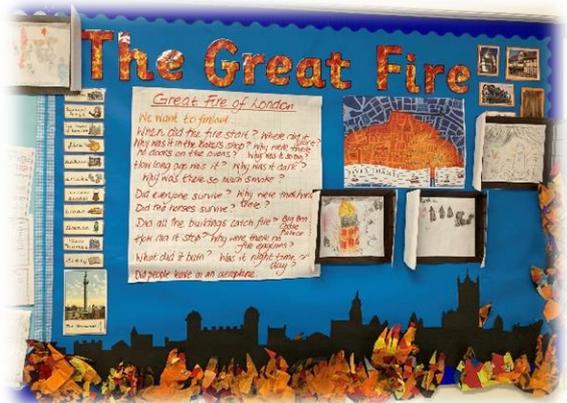
Reception

This week, as well as our Phonics, we've been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man and making actions to go with it. As part of our learning on oceans and the environment, we also asked the question, why did the Gingerbread Man not want to get wet? We loved making and decorating our own Gingerbread Men and dancing today in Funky Feet Friday. Mrs Edwards ate lunch with us in the lunch hall this week and she says that she really enjoyed all the conversations we had with her. She was also really amazed when some of us told her that our grandparents are 120 and 150 years old!



Year 1

This week in English, we've been consolidation, improving and developing our sentence skills through Traditional Tales, beginning with The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We really enjoyed performing and retelling the story using stick puppets and are writing descriptions for the characters. In Maths, we're learning about money, it's importance and value. We've discussed why we need money and have been comparing and ordering coins and notes. Today's money quiz was great fun. We carried out two experiments in Science, 'Making Clouds in a Jar' and 'Making it Rain'. We've also been observing the weather. We've been bringing the city of London to life by creating silhouettes of London. What do you think of them?



Year 2

This week, we've been finishing off our leaflets by adding illustrations to them. We've also been looking at the character of Elizabeth, from The Paper Bag Princess and used our knowledge of her to write a letter from her to Ronald. We've been continuing to add one digit numbers to a two digit number in Maths and have enjoyed looking at the NSPCC book 'The Pantosaurus' and learning what it means when we say that our bodies are private. We've learnt a very fun song and decorated our own pants template with the P.A.N.T rules.



Year 3

This week, we've been learning about how to write an explanation text, including what features we'd need to include. We've used this information to begin writing our own explanation text about Mummification. We've begun work on fractions in our Maths lessons, starting with counting in quarters, then finding fractions of numbers such as thirds and fifths. Today we've been adding fractions with the same denominator together. In Science, we've begun our 'Animals, including Humans' unit and have been classifying foods into different food groups and understanding the importance of a balanced diet. In Topic, we've been learning about Tutankhamun, the Boy King and the men who discovered his tomb. We really enjoyed putting ourselves into Howard Carter's perspective and writing diary entries as him, explaining how he felt when he discovered Tutankhamun's tomb.

Year 4

We've been editing and publishing out non-chronological reports and have enjoyed writing in the third person with a more formal tone. We've tried to ensure our writing remains as factual as possible and can't wait to take our work home to share with friends and relatives. In Maths, we've been looking at measurement, including how to convert and compare centimetres, millimetres, metres and centimetres, and kilometres and metres. Topic has been amazing this week, as we've been exploring the issues surrounding the Amazon Rainforest and deforestation. We've investigated the destruction of the rainforest and started creating fact files about this issue. We've enjoyed creating our own animation, or chase game in Computing and looking at the purposes of different teeth in herbivores and carnivores in our Science lessons and how well they are shaped for their job.

Year 5

We've been studying the legend of King Arthur this week and have started writing a descriptive piece about him, taking into account the historical context and looking at setting mood through the use of figurative language and other literary devices. In Science, we've been learning about reversible and irreversible changes and considering what happens when a cake is made and when a fire occurs. We 'safely' burnt some paper outside with the Year 5 staff to demonstrate the changes. In DT we've started researching and planning our edible treats which we're going to be making next month - we've written down the ingredients. We can't wait!

Year 6

In our writing this week, we've started to write flashback stories, mirroring the style used in *Private Peaceful*. We've been employing the narrative writing skills we've learnt in previous years, to create imaginative descriptions of a World War 1 setting and to imagine ourselves in the shoes of a Veteran. We've been looking at how women played a key role in the war effort, taking part in a range of jobs, from nurses and farmers, to mechanics and even spies. We've also explored the contrast between the lives and rights of women before and after the War. Linked to our scientific enquiry into how plants and animals are classified, we've been studying botanical art and the need for accuracy in shape, detail and colour for it to be successful. Computing is really fun at the moment. We've been designing games and looking at how we can create different levels or game over screens.



Twitter

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Dates for the Diary

INSET Day - School Closed to Children	Monday 22 nd November
Therapeutic Approach - Online Workshop for Parents	Wednesday 24 th November 6.30pm
Junior Music Festival - Performance at the Hexagon	Wednesday 24 th November 4.00pm
Panto - Reception and Key Stage 1	Friday 26 th November in school
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 27 th November 3:00-5:30pm
Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day	Monday 29 th November
Year 5 Bayeux Tapestry Workshop with Reading Museum	Wednesday 8 th December
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch	Friday 10 th December
Panto - Key Stage 2 to the Hexagon	Tuesday 14 th December

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards