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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have definitely noticed that the weather (although still lovely), is much more Autumnal now and can see the colours changing on the leaves of the trees in the playing fields. It's really beautiful to see. Despite the challenges we've all be facing with more children and members of staff catching Covid in recent weeks, we musn't lost sight of all the wonderful experiences the children are having whilst they're at school.

Reception

In Phonics this week, we have been revising the phonemes we've learnt so far, and blending them. We've also been introduced to nonsense words, which don't make sense. We've been learning the words and actions to the story of The Little Red Hen and used this to sequence the events and draw our own story map. In Maths, we've been practising counting numbers up to and back from five and we met a **real** tortoise which helped us with our discussions about hibernation. He's over 60 years old - but didn't seem it!

Year 1

This week in English, we continued to practise our phonics in our writing. We thought about the items found in a bakery, and learnt how to write a list with comma's. After role playing being Samuel Pepys we drew what he may have seen from his window on Seething Lane and in Music we've been learning to sign and sing the 'London's Burning' song 1666.

We also learnt about fiction and non-fiction, exploring the similarities and differences and wrote our own contents pages. In Maths, we've been learning or number bonds to 20 and in Geography, we are taking a flying tour around the UK, identifying the countries and capital cities.

Year 2

This week, our Zogwork focused on Science and topic work. We learned about microhabitats whilst thinking about what sort of habitat would suit Zog. We also learned how to identify the four countries of the UK and their capital cities and used this information to help us write riddles about animals. In Maths, we've continued our work on sequences, focusing on counting in 3's and then explored different ways of partitioning a 2-digit number into tens and ones.

Year 3

We have a really exciting start to our week when we participated in a talk by the illustrator Rob Biddulph as part of the Henley Literary Festival. We published our fantastic finished diary entries in our neatest handwriting and started learning how to use a dictionary effectively. In Maths, we've been developing our subtraction skills, starting with subtracting ones and tens from a 3-digit number and then adding and subtracting hundreds using base 10 and mental methods. In Science, we've continued to explore forces and magnets and measured the strength of a magnet in different ways.

Year 4

In celebration of our recent trip to Longridge, we've been writing about all the fun activities we took part in whilst we were there. In Maths, we've been consolidating our work on place value and started to look at Roman Numerals. Our mini theme of 'Who has a home there?' has seen us looking at vegetation belts around the world

and concentrating on their environmental regions. In Art, we looked at layers of the rain forest and then cut and tore paper to make a collage, experimenting with colour and arranging pieces of paper close together and overlapping them to create a rain forest display.

Year 5

This week in English, we've started to write a description of the dragon and it's lair using the description of Smaug's lair from the story 'The Hobbit' to give us inspiration for our writing. In maths, we've continued with our work on subtraction, subtracting 5-digit numbers where there is more than one exchange and in Science, we've been predicting which material will keep liquids hot for longest and then whether the same material will be best for keeping cold liquids cold. In Music, we enjoyed playing the glockenspiel (a classic rock instrument) to 'Livin' on a prayer!' We've loved learning the song and enjoy belting it out as well as improvising and composing for the instrumental sections. We have also been listening and discussing (and having a dance) to other classic rock anthems from Status Quo, Queen and Deep Purple.



Year 6

It's been a tricky week for us, as we've been anxious about being able to go on our Residential to Skern Lodge on Monday. We've been making the most of Black History Month by exploring the lives of famous activists and influential black people from history. We've been researching their lives and writing biographies to commemorate their achievements. In particular, we've been looking into the contributions of black soldiers to the war effort on both the Allied and Central Powers sides. In Maths, we used our knowledge of place value and the basic operations to explore negative numbers and how to place them on a number line. We literally can't wait for our week long Residential next week and are looking forward to sharing out amazing experiences with you!



Cross Country

Many thanks and congratulations to the children who participated in the 5th South Oxfordshire Cross Country Competition on Saturday - in the pouring rain. Sophie (Y1), Percy and Rose (Y2), Zara and Anna (Y3) and Xav, Joe and Lily (Y6) - well done to you all!

Twitter

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

Dates for the Diary

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
Black History Week	Week commencing 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 Fayre	Saturday 27 th November 3:00-5:30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 th December

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards