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Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is picking up speed now. We've been back a few weeks and have already got so many events, activities and experiences planned. Mrs Fallon and I completed our first Talk and Tour for prospective new Reception parents 2023 yesterday - yes, it's that time already! The before, after school and lunchtime clubs are in full swing and we were really proud of everyone's response to and support of Jeans 4 Genes day today. Thank you.

Reception

We have continued to become more familiar with all the routines and in school. We've also, individually spent time with our classteachers, Mrs Bentley and Mrs Abbott, attempting different tasks, which has helped them gain a really good understanding of what we're already able to do and what we need to be working on next. We had our photo taken today, by the Henley Standard and can't wait to see ourselves in the paper.

Year 1

We've had great fun in English this week, learning about captions. We've matched some to appropriate pictures and written our own captions, focusing on key sentence features. In Maths we've been practising our counting through building columns of cubes and counting how many are in each column, recording this and challenging ourselves to measure them with a ruler. We've also been learning about the different parts of a plant in Science and examined and labelled them correctly and then planted bulbs.

Year 2

After our excitement of discovering Zog at school last week, we've been working on retelling a selected part of the story, first through drama, then through drawing a story map and finally by beginning to write it for ourselves. In Maths we've been exploring different ways of representing 2 and 3 digit numbers and have also been learning the correct language and symbols for comparing and ordering numbers. We've been planting bulbs to observe, as part of our plants unit later in the year and in IT, we've been practising logging on and navigating our way around files and the internet.

Year 3

We're really enjoying reading 'There's a Pharaoh in our Bath and used drama to act out different sections from chapter 2 at the beginning of the week. We then explored the audience and purpose for a diary text type and used this to begin to write the introduction of our diary entry as Sennapod. We've started to learn about the importance of the River Nile for the Ancient Egyptian civilization and are creating a fact file using information from our research. In Science, we completed an investigation of how far a car travel along a ramp with different surfaces. We recorded our observations and concluded how friction can increase or decrease depending on the surface. We've begun weekly, whole class, Ukulele lessons with Mr Smithers from Berkshire Maestros and have been adding 2 and 3 digit numbers together in Maths.

Year 4

After exploring different 'Just So' stories in English, we've started to plan and write one of our own. We're using a number of strategies to help us, including using our senses to write descriptively and a thesaurus to expand our vocabulary. In Maths we've been counting in 1000's and placing numbers on a number line up to 10,000 and in French we've continued with our unit called 'All Around Town'. Mrs E says she's really impressed

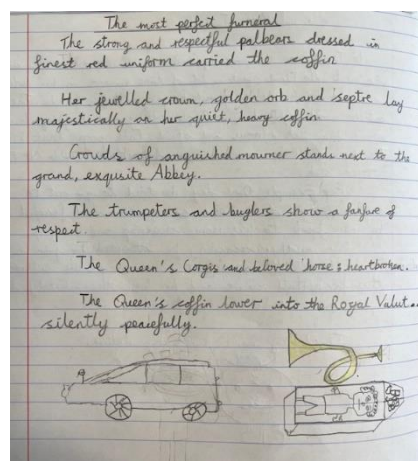
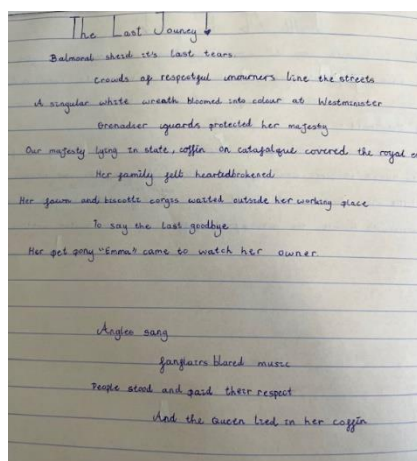
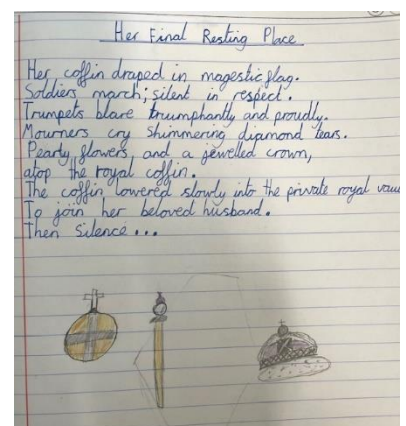
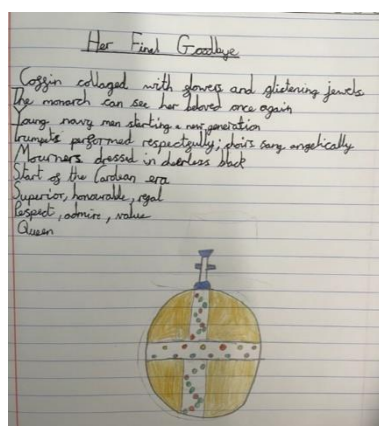
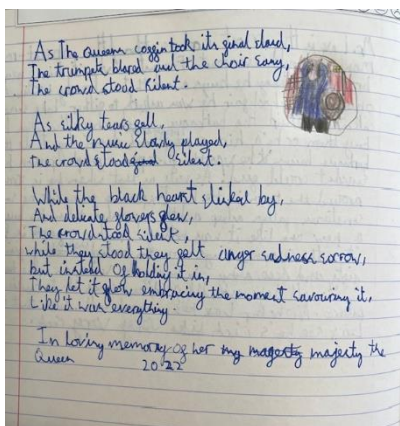
with the skills we've been learning and demonstrating in Gymnastics. You should see us vaulting! We've been adding the finishing touches to our 3D maps of South America, including mountain ranges, rivers and country borders and have been finishing our Google Slides presentation about a rainforest of our choice. We are so excited about our trip to Longridge next week. Mrs E has said she'll be tweeting photos of us participating in the different activities..... as long as she doesn't drop her phone into the river again this year. Ahem ...

Year 5

We've finished reading the first Beowulf story, 'Beowulf and the monster of the night' and have been writing a newspaper article on the slaying of Grendel, by Beowulf. The purpose of this is to report on the killings to the 'audience' ie the Danish people. We've enjoyed exploring how Britain started to change with the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons. We've been looking at the Anglo Saxon kingdoms on maps, investigated Anglo Saxon place names and designing an Anglo Saxon village. As part of our 'Properties of Materials' Science topic, we are being 'employed' by the organisers of 'Camp Bestival' to carry out a series of investigations that will help in the planning and preparation for a successful festival. This week, we started to plan an investigation into the best material to use for a food prep surface.

Year 6

This week we've continued to develop our stories, inspired by the Mr Men books, focusing on personality traits and lifestyles that fit with a chosen personality. We're reading Michael Morpurgo's book, Private Peaceful, which links to our topic of WW1 and have been creating e-safety posters in IT, aimed at younger children in the school. In Science, we've been starting to look at how natural selection impacts the adaptations passed down through genes, exploring the variety found between species and how these are beneficial to them in their environments. In our Writing, we wrote some poems about the Late Queen Elizabeth's funeral.



Grey's Court X-Country

We are really proud of all children who represented the school at the Grey's Court X-Country competition last Saturday morning. The course was really challenging, with a steep hill to run up to get to the finish. Congratulations to Angelina (Y2), Percy, Thomas, Ethan, Santi, Aurelia (Y3), Paloma, Xander (Y4) and Charlotte (Y5), for their fantastic efforts and achievements. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Nutt and all the other organisers and volunteers.

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Dates for the Diary

Secondary Schools Information Fayre (School Hall)	Monday 26 th September 7-8.30pm
Year 4 Trips to Longridge Outdoor Education Centre	Wednesday 28 th to Friday 30 th September
Poetry Week	Week commencing 3 rd October
Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 & 4) Welcome meeting for parents	Tuesday 4 th October 6-7pm
KS1 Q&A Session for parents (Y1 & 2)	Thursday 6 th October 6-7pm
PTFA Golf Day	Thursday 6 th October
Year 6 Residential to Skern Lodge	Monday 10 th October to Friday 14 th October
Year 6 Heights & Weights	Tuesday 18 th October (pm)
Year 4 Tag Festival at MPF (details to be confirmed)	Tuesday 18 th October (am)
Year 5 Tag Festival at MPF (details to be confirmed)	Thursday 20 th October (am)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards