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Welcome back to the second half of the summer term – I can barely believe that we have reached the final half term and are nearing the end of the academic year! There are still several weeks of learning to go which will also be filled with many exciting events. It is going to be a very busy few weeks ahead and we look forward to sharing them with you.

The children have returned refreshed and ready to learn and it has been lovely to see their fantastic smiles and hard-working attitudes all around school. They have all settled straight back into their learning!

In Year 3 this week, Gryffindor children have been working hard as usual and have made a fantastic start to the half term. They have shown determination and gumption during this week as we have been completing our end of year assessments. I am so proud of their efforts and I know that they have done the best that they possibly can! In maths, Year 3 children have finished their Length unit and are now moving on to the second Fractions unit where they will deepen their understanding from the first unit. In Geography, the children have been learning all about Fair Trade in Africa (and the rest of the world) focusing on the fair trade of traditional products such as chocolate, coffee, cotton and bananas. The Year 3 teachers have been wowed by their superb presentations where they saw the performances of raps, poems and saw some excellent, creative posters! Well done Year 3! What a creative bunch you are!

Hufflepuff have also had another fantastic week! We are so proud of the maturity shown throughout our assessment week - they have all put in 100% effort and it has really paid off. In English this week, children have been beginning to explore the scene where Mr Toad is arrested and then sentenced to 100 years in jail. Over the coming weeks, children are going to put themselves in Mr Toad's shoes and beg for an early release from jail. Both staff and children alike found the court scene so funny when they watched a small clip of it – it was real comedy. In Maths, Hufflepuff have begun a new topic. Decimals can sometimes be a tricky concept, the children have used their previous knowledge to help them understand this even more. Please ask them at home all about this as explaining your new learning can really support understanding.

It’s also been an incredibly busy week in Ravenclaw as again all children have been completing a range of assessments in readiness for their end of term reports. The children have conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the week with a mature attitude and resilient approach so a huge well done to Year 5. As part of their writing assessment, the children have had great fun in creating their own newspaper based on the peculiar events involving a mysterious 'bull-man' figure (Minotaur) and a car explosion. In particular, the children have focused on speech and have clearly enjoyed interviewing key witnesses to the attack by the supernatural beast. In Maths, Year 5 have showcased their knowledge through a range of arithmetic and problem solving questions whilst in Art, Ravenclaw have demonstrated some beautiful pieces based on the Ancient King: Odysseus and the 'Sirens' (mythical Greek creatures who enticed sailors to their destruction with their irresistibly beautiful singing).

Year 6 have returned to school after half term with a great work ethic. Their SATs tests are now behind them and their focus has now moved to writing which forms part of their end of year tests but is assessed by their teachers. They have been fully immersed in their writing to create an informative advertisement for Camp Green Lake from their class text ‘Holes’. They have had to manipulate language to turn a negative place into somewhere positive and inviting for campers. Not an easy task but they have worked incredibly hard to produce some super writing! In addition to this, the children have developed their sketching techniques in order to add images to their leaflet showing precise use of shading and tone. The swimming sessions for the cohort began this week and staff inform me that the children have had a real can do attitude and have shown a determination to make their last swimming block at primary school a productive one. Well done year 6- keep it up!

As you can see it has been a busy start to the term! As always we look forward to working alongside you all as move towards the end of the year and thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend

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