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As we move towards the end of term the weeks seem to fly by! We have continued to enjoy the warm weather and it is lovely to hear all of the children playing outside in the sunshine. Thank you for helping to keep the children safe by sending hats, water bottles and applying sun cream in a morning.

The children are continuing to enjoy our One Book, One School topic around ‘The Twits’ and there is some amazing work being produced. When I have asked the children about their learning they are clearly enjoying learning around this text.

Year 3 Gryffindor have had a very ‘hands on’ week this week from working out perimeters to engineering 3D work ready for our Twit themed displays! I’m not sure who’s enjoyed this week the most; the children or the teachers! In English, the children have been improving their character descriptions about Mr and Mrs Twit and they are fabulous and will look amazing on display ready for September. Children have been solving perimeter problems for the Twit family because they’ve never been to school and so they’re struggling to re-decorate their homes - it’s a good job the Y3’s are maths geniuses. The children have spoken knowledgeably about why we need to have this knowledge – how fabulous that they can contextualise their learning.

In Year four this week, the children have done everything they can to tempt the Twits away from bird pie. They have created instructions for a new recipe in writing and collected data about alternative pies in Maths. In reading, they have studied healthy food alternatives to offer. They have even baked their own pies for the Twits to sample. Let’s hope the Twits change their ways and opt for a cheese and onion or an apple pie next time! These were sampled by both Mrs Morrall and Mrs Blackhurst who said that the children’s recipes and measuring skills must be excellent as the pies were delicious! In Science, the children have been investigating sound and how it travels and they are looking forward to planning their own investigation next week.

Year 5 have been tremendously busy in preparing some "Twit-tastic" work to proudly be used for our One Book One School Twits Display.  In English, the children have had great fun gathering their ideas about the putrid and gross characters: Mr and Mrs Twit, whilst having some passionate and humorous debates about our key question: Did the Twits deserve to be shrunk? The children have now started to draft the ideas onto paper as they prepare the opening points to their balanced argument. In Maths, Ravenclaw have been studying rectangles and quadrilaterals in detail to correct some mistaken facts that Mr and Mrs Twit have been spouting - silly Twits! Finally, in Art and Design, Ravenclaw have been busy sketching their "Twit Houses" with a range of different mediums. They have started to sketch their designs for their detailed annotations to build their Roy-Poly Birds in readiness for constructing them next week. I am so excited to see all of these creations as our new displays come together next week. It sounds like the children are producing some fantastic pieces of art!

Another productive and most certainly enjoyable week in year 6 this week. It has all been about preparation for the leavers’ assembly. There has been singing, presenting and fabulous acting taking place throughout. In addition to this, the children have been creating 3D Roly Poly birds from the story of ‘The Twits’. They are using paper mache to do this and despite looking slightly questionable at the start of the week, they now look brilliant and will be soon ready for painting. I look forward to seeing the finished product! Our Academy is going to look amazing!

The end of term is now not far away and we look forward to the children enjoying visiting their new classrooms and teachers next week in readiness for September. Also, we look forward to welcoming you to our ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions on Thursday afternoon at either 3.30pm or 5.00pm.

Don’t forget that we also have our e-safety parent workshops running next week and tickets are still available for both sessions taking place on Monday. The sessions will be at 1.30pm at Northwood Broom Academy and 6.00pm at Grove Academy. We urge you to attend these sessions as online safety is increasingly important to keep our young people safe.

Have a lovely weekend.