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Welcome to Grove’s weekly blog. This week it has been lovely to see so many parents in school for our Parent Meetings – there was a lovely atmosphere around school and many positive comments heard. Thank you to so many of you for completing our ‘Settling in Survey’, your responses are very important to us and we will ensure that we consider your comments moving forwards to continue to make improvements to the school. The children have really taken on board the healthy snacks and I am sure that the competition will be fierce to achieve the ‘healthiest class’ title! It would be fantastic to see this health drive continue! I have been overwhelmed by the amount of fruit and veg that the children have been consuming! Our winning class will be revealed next week!

Year 3 Gryffindor have had another exciting week of learning from mastering addition in Maths to consolidating paragraphs in Writing. In English this week they have been learning the differences between verbs and adverbs and how adverbs can change word meanings. This has fed nicely into their final stages of creating their school prospectus where the children have focussed their attention on the Hogwarts houses. In Maths, the children have embedded their knowledge of addition by giving step-by-step instructions as well as justifying their answers giving reasons about their thinking. The children have also been working extremely hard with our last few rehearsals ready for our Harvest assembly next week, which the children are really excited to share with you. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Hufflepuff have had a fantastic week of learning! They have been busy beginning to look at negative numbers and have begun to order them ready for next week when they will be looking at Barclays' overdrafts! They’ll soon be confident enough to do the banking at home! As well as working with numbers, children have been busy writing diary entries as if they were Ka, the stray cat. Watch out as there seems to be something mysterious happening around Y4: wanted posters have been appearing in registers and on the teachers' cars. They can't wait to find out what has been happening and neither can I!

Another great week had by all in Ravenclaw this week as the impact of our "Healthy and Active" continues. Year 5 have seen dozens and dozens of different varieties of fruit and vegetables brought in this week and the children have enjoyed them immensely - a big credit to all!  In English, Year 5 have started to write the opening scene of their Beowulf-based narrative as our Geatish hero arrives in Heorot to save the poor Danes from the vicious, vile creature: Grendel. King Hrothgar has thrown a huge party for Beowulf as they become mentally prepared for battle. The children have loved this topic so far and can't wait to complete their final draft next week. In Maths, all classes have continued to consolidate their knowledge of negative numbers through looking at numbers in real context. Temperature, "goal difference" and bank balances have been explored as the children have began to understand where negative numbers are used in real life. Children look forward to rounding in maths next week as we also look to learn more about the Vikings in topic.

In year 6 this week, the children have been busy finalising the setting description for their narrative. They have applied use of a range of sentence forms and descriptive language. I cannot wait to read their stories which they have worked so hard on to include all of their recent new learning. In maths, they have begun to understand in more depth how negative numbers work and have used these in contexts such as temperature, money and scoring. For their health week project, the children have written a response to a problem page to share their understanding of diet myths. These have been really interesting to read.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a lovely restful weekend

Mrs Carrigan