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Welcome to my weekly blog once again. Another action packed and fun filled week has passed us by with lots of visits and activities taking place.

Both Year 5 and Year 6 have been out and about on educational visits to Tatton Park and Jodrell Bank this week to support their learning. I have to say that I have been very proud to hear the lovely comments on how responsible and well behaved the children have been, showing themselves to be an absolute credit to Grove and representing our Academy beautifully. Well done Year 5 and Year 6 – Grove superstars!!

Also, today the children have shown great support for Children in Need by bringing £1 to come to school wearing either spots or their pyjamas! How brilliant they all look in their efforts to support such a worthy charity. As soon as we know how much has been raised we will let you know but huge thanks in advance for all of your contributions. Even the staff joined in – any excuse for an extra comfy day in school!!

Year 3 Gryffindor have also had another exciting week of learning! The children have been busy developing the use of adverbials within their work, in particular fronted adverbials. They have done very well with this new learning but please ask them at home so that they can practise their skills in explaining to you what these are. In Maths this week the children have started to embed our new resources, which they have found very enjoyable. They are all enthusiastic to talk about their learning and explain their thinking. We have also become magical creators of our own potions as well as learning about famous wizards from History.

 In Hufflepuff this week, there has been an air of excitement around all of the classrooms. Children have been creating a wide variety of Egyptian artefacts for their new displays; they look fantastic! As well as this, Hufflepuff have also been introduced to the new Maths scheme: Power Maths; and both children and staff alike have thoroughly enjoyed the new learning this week. It has been wonderful to see children comparing themselves to the character traits from the book, explaining why they have been those characters. It's also been nice to see that Mrs Blackhurst hasn't been off on any more adventures, this has meant that we have been back to using our classroom text to help us prepare for our next focussed write!

Another excellent week has been experienced by Ravenclaw this week, with the Year 5 Tatton Park trip no doubt being the highlight. From ‘shield training’ from Viking "Harold Blood-axe" to handling real-life Viking weapons and antiques, the children went back in time to over 1,000 years ago and experienced some enriching moments that they'll remember for life. With a beautiful, warm setting on acres of grassland and forest, the children also enjoyed a wonderful picnic with their peers, witnessed wild animal life such as reindeer and bonded well with teamwork activities. Back in the classroom, the Viking theme continued as children designed, made and evaluated their own Viking shields - many of which will be used for our next display! (Many thanks for your cardboard donations.) Exciting times in Maths as children got to experience "Power Maths". We are delighted to incorporate this scheme into school and are confident it'll be a great benefit to all. Finally, in English, Year 5 have been focused on cohesive devices such as co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions, their positions within main and subordinate clauses and have also begun to develop an understanding of determiners. Next week, we look forward to adverbials, addition and subtraction!

The year 6 children have also had an exciting week with their visit to Jodrell Bank being a real highlight. They thoroughly enjoyed the experiences provided, including getting close to the Lovell telescope, and demonstrated Positive Grove values throughout the day.

Back at school, the children have begun to read their new text: Skellig. The children are already posing ideas as to what the creature found in the garage may be and how it may affect the lives of the characters. This week, they have taken on the role of different characters in order to produce a diary entry from their perspective. In Maths the children have quickly refreshed their memories on methods for addition and subtraction and have been applying these in our new Power Maths books.

I am sure that you will agree that the children have all been very busy in all year groups, enthusiastically taking on new learning.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Carrigan