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Welcome once again to Grove’s weekly blog! It has been an action-packed week as always with many great learning opportunities. Our Year 3 children have had an exciting visit this week from an NHS representative to teach them all about the importance of dental health. The children practised their teeth-brushing techniques and learned about the best ways to fight plaque. It is very important that children learn the importance of personal hygiene and these kind of visits are fantastic for supporting this.

This week, Gryffindor have had another fantastic week. In English, the children have been drafting, editing and improving their non-chronological reports about Stone Age animals. They have applied skills such as using headings, subheadings and other organisational devices to structure their writing for a non-fiction text. I thoroughly enjoyed reading all about the fascinating ways that Stone Age people hunted, carried and cooked their food! Why not ask your child how cooking has changed from the Stone Age period to now? In maths, the Year 3 children have started their fractions unit, exploring the different ways to make 1 whole. They have learned new vocabulary such as numerator and denominator and have discovered how to represent unit and non-unit fractions using bar models, number lines and concrete maths equipment such as multi-link cubes. Another superb week Year 3! Keep it up!

Hufflepuff have also had a brilliant week! In English; they've been writing the final parts of their holiday brochure before creating the final version on Friday. These holiday brochures are the perfect read to find the most extravagant holiday to Ostia. In Maths, children explored the new unit around Measure, where they have been focussing upon not only learning about finding the area of different 2d shapes, but using a range of resources to find the areas of different shapes. Decorating 3D structures certainly isn't easy, but Y4 have shown fantastic gumption when creating their Special Lady's day cards this week where not only did they need to decorate the net, but cut it out and put it together before mounting it onto the card. After the cards were made, children needed to let them dry before writing a poem or thankful message to say thankyou for all the wonderful things the special ladies in their life do for them.

This week in Year 5 has seen a very exciting week indeed as ‘Wonderland’ has been the buzz word in all classrooms. Full of enthusiasm, the children have absolutely loved designing their own 'Alice in Wonderland' theme park attractions based on their own ideas of their 'dream Wonderland'. To do this, the children have had to blend writing and D&T skills by firstly brainstorming ideas of a ride, food and game before sketching and annotating the key components behind these ideas. Then, using persuasive techniques learned over the last few weeks, our budding advertisers have started to develop a persuasive brochure which will showcase their theme park's star attraction: their stupendous ride! This brochure will be completed over the next few weeks; their teachers and myself can't wait to see the end results! In 'Power Maths', Ravenclaw have been working extremely hard in developing their knowledge of long multiplication as they have progressed from multiplying 2-by-2 digit numbers through to 4-by-2 digit numbers. The children have found this process extremely challenging but are immensely proud of their achievements in Maths this week (as are their teachers). Finally, in PE, they have been learning how to develop their gymnastics skills by exploring a range of rolls for their sequence.

Year 6 have been busy finalising their newspaper reports this week. Their writing includes skills the best journalists would be proud of: direct and reported speech, passive sentences, technical vocabulary and a range of sentence structures. The children have also created sketches of areas named within their news reports to add pictures with captions to their text.  In maths the children are now excelling in their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and the children have applied their knowledge successfully to different problems. They really are working hard getting ready for the upcoming end of year assessments but we do encourage you to ensure that they take full advantage of the boosters and additional support put in place by the staff – they give their time freely to support the children so please make the most of it. The children have shown their creativity, making Mother’s Day cards which they hope all their special ladies will enjoy.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I wish you all a lovely weekend, especially all those special ladies out there – I hope that you are all spoilt on Sunday and enjoy your special day.

Many thanks

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