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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, that was very much the term that was! Please can I say how incredibly grateful I am to all of you for your continuing support of the school, this is just exemplified by the support Year 4 parents have shown to the children's Water Aid work. Can I also say on a personal level how grateful I am for the support you have all given me over the last half-term.

Summer Term 2 is obviously usually filled with exciting events; at the moment, as you can imagine, these remain 'on hold' until we see what local and national Covid restrictions will allow. However we will endeavour to do the very best we can by all the children especially the Year 6's who will be moving on. Once again thank you for all your support with helping to protect the school community by adhering to the one-way system, wearing masks etc...

Points for clarification...

Homework

- Each Half Term a Homework Grid will be sent home; these tasks are not mandatory but children will be praised and / or rewarded for completing them
- School ask that children read with an adult or individually depending on their age and ability at least 3 times a week
- Separate tasks such as timetables or spellings may also be sent home

Uniform

- Can we please ask as per the Pupil Code of Conduct, that long hair is tied back for school
- Trainers- advanced warning- If and when you are replacing school shoes, can we remind you that they must be plain black without a logo please, this is a return to following the school policy after the flexibility granted around lockdown

PE Kits September 2021

From September we are planning to return to the normal system of children coming to school each day in their uniform and getting changed for PE in school. We will be asking that PE kit consisting of; black or navy shorts, a white T-Shirt, jogging bottoms and when the weather is cold, a tracksuit top, be sent to school in a smaller bag as possible. Please make sure these are all labelled.

Year Group Updates

<i>Zebras and Hippos have had a fantastic half term with our topic 'The Zoo'. From virtual zoo visits, to some very special deliveries, we have all enjoyed learning about the different animals we might find both there, and in the wild!</i>
Reception started the half term as detectives, investigating who had left paw prints in their classroom. After much predicting the children checked the CCTV footage and discovered it was a wolf in search of the three pigs. The children explored various materials to help the three pigs to make wolf-proof houses. They also used their investigation skills to help the Gingerbread man cross the river safely. They realised he couldn't get wet or he would turn to mush! They used their new materials knowledge to build bridges and boats to help him safely cross. The children explored the ingredients that are required to make gingerbread men and wrote their own ingredients lists and instructions. They finished the half term receiving a letter from the baker who needed their help. They had to find the missing gingerbread men who had run away as fast as they could. The children had to solve some tricky addition and subtraction problems in order to help find them. They were rewarded with a gingerbread man as their prize to eat!
Year 1's topic has been AFRICA. The children have been making clay pots, practising their sewing skills by making African bags, with a printed repeated pattern and preparing for their African Market at the end of the half term.
Year 2 have been busy this half term using their DT skills to make moving vehicles and new car mats for the children in Reception. We have enjoyed learning about position and direction and mapping in forest schools too.
This term, Year 3 have taken on the challenge of being the school apprentices! Their mission has been to help improve the learning experiences in nursery and work tirelessly to develop new and innovative products! They have been learning about light and shadows to develop a fantastic shadow puppet show. Their wonderful understanding of levers and linkages allowed them to create beautifully crafted interactive children's book pages. All of this work was so impressive that they even received a letter from Santa's elves asking for help with designing and creating new magnetic games ready for Christmas 2021! Well done Whales and Dolphins. What a busy and exciting half term we have had.
Year 4 have been working hard planning their sponsored walk to Haworth in support of Water Aid. After mapping their route using grid references and compasses, they then wrote exceptionally persuasive letters seeking sponsorship...check out our running total on Twitter!
<i>Year 5 have been busy being super scientists and exploring the properties and changes of materials. After many exciting investigations, they have prepared some videos for the younger children in school to watch to show them how to carry out experiments and the science behind them.</i>
<i>Year 6- Highlights this half term include learning about Kristallnacht, making our own playdough fossils, sewing, designing a game on Scratch and learning about inspirational women in the music industry.</i>

As a final note can I also say thank you to everyone who adheres so carefully to the one-way system on the school site. This system is in place to protect us all and to try and avoid any further bubble closures, something we all really, really want to avoid! Please for the sake of just a few minutes can I ask that we all continue to do so.

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