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Welcome to the final blog of the first half term! It has been a very productive 8 weeks which have flown by. The children have been amazing showing off their MAGIC attitudes and some fantastic learning. I have had a brilliant first half term and love being part of the Grove family.

This week it has been brilliant to welcome so many of you to our ‘Watch me Learn’ sessions which have been focussed around maths. We have received some lovely feedback and as always it is really useful for us to gather your thoughts and opinions about our events so that we can continue to develop and improve these even further. Thank you for showing such fantastic support to both your children and the school - the children love showing off their skills to you. I am sure that there was some challenge provided for parents too and I believe that some of you even took homework away with you! We hope that you find the guidance and ideas provided useful in supporting your children at home too.

It has been a fantastic final week in Gryffindor where the children have shown real gumption throughout all lessons. In English this week, they have focussed on Bonfire Night safety in both reading and writing. They have looked at dangers and safety tips through instruction writing as well as the history behind Bonfire Night in relation to Guy Fawkes, through our guided reading sessions. The children have finalised their Science topic for the half term with evaluating their forces experiments. Children have analysed results and made recommendations for further testing. They have had such a brilliant first half term at Grove and we hope their enthusiasm and thirst for learning continues.

What an amazing end to a very hard working half term for Hufflepuff too! I'm sure both the children and teachers alike are ready for a well deserved break and re-charge! Y4 have ended this half term with a bang! Not only have they had a fantastic trip to Birmingham Museum but they have also been showing off their times table knowledge. Hufflepuff have shown gumption and maturity this week as they completed assessments in Maths, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Reading - we are very proud of every single child.

The Year 5 teachers would like to recognise how fantastically hard the Ravenclaw children have worked during this first Autumn term. Overall, they have settled in really well and now have a well-deserved break. In the final week in Year 5, the children have also completed a range of assessments in Writing, Reading and Maths which will be used to help inform teachers of pupil progress. In particular, in Maths, Year 5 have focused on square numbers this week and have extended their knowledge through the use of concrete and pictorial representations; this was a brand-new skill learnt this week so a big well done to all children. In addition to this, in preparation for our Remembrance assembly after half term, the children have been busy preparing by creating some beautiful poppies for display and practising for their performance whilst also learning about the origins of Remembrance; and why we remember today.

The children in year 6 Slytherin have completed their narrative this week using dramatic endings for effect. They have looked at multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 and how they can use related number facts. Please challenge your children at home with this as I am sure that they will enjoy sharing their learning with you. Year 6 have also researched bonfire night to further their understanding of the gunpowder plot and how they can stay safe this November.

Thank you to parents for all of their commitment with homework, spellings, reading and timestables and we look forward to seeing all children back safely in November fully re-charged for Autumn 2.

Have a well-deserved break and ensure that you all stay safe as the dark nights draw in and bonfire night approaches.

Many thanks

Mrs Carrigan