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Wow the end of another week! This week, as a whole school PSHE focus, we have celebrated ‘Good to be Me’ day which concentrated on raising disability awareness. The children had the amazing opportunity to play wheelchair basketball with a professional coach, which they loved. It was fantastic to watch them and hear their discussions and reflections. It really helped them to understand how people cope with disabilities. It is great to give the children the opportunity to consider what is amazing about each and every one of them. We have also held our first Parents’ forum meeting this week where it was brilliant to see so many of you attending and wanting to support our children and Academy – we are all very excited about what lies ahead so watch this space! If any other parents are interested in joining this group please let Miss Scally or Mrs Darlington know.

It has been another exciting week in Gryffindor, where the children have started to learn some new songs ready for our Harvest assembly. In English, they have started embedding their knowledge of vowels through the use of ‘a’ and ‘an’, looking particularly at exception words. Within Maths lessons they have been expressing their learning through a range of visual representations to show their knowledge of digit values in whole numbers. The forces topic in Science has led them on to magnets this week. The children have been learning that all forces are pushes or pulls and are excited to be testing out their predictions next week.

What a week in Hufflepuff! The children have blown the socks off their teachers this week – they have worked extremely hard to learn their multiples of 6 through songs! Both children and teachers alike have thoroughly enjoyed singing the multiples of 6, especially because it is to the hit song from Taylor Swift! Also, the children have begun to find and group information about different cats, so that they can write a factual report next week. They've all learnt some amazing facts and now they can't wait to share these in their reports! If you can find any more interesting facts at home Hufflepuff would welcome hearing about them!

Another great week in in Ravenclaw has seen the children become immersed in the mysterious but heart-chilling class text by the author Michael Morpurgo: 'Beowulf'. Year 5 have focused on metaphors and figurative language to create excellent descriptive "Wanted" posters on the sinister and merciless monster: Grendel. Approach this beast at your peril! Can the mighty Beowulf save the day? In Maths, Year 5 have continued to deepen their knowledge of place value but have now switched their focus to reading and writing decimal numbers whilst also exploring their value through fractions too! The children have really embraced a tricky topic and they are proud to share their knowledge so please practice with some decimal numbers at home! In Science, children have written up their findings from last week's fraction tests.

In Year 6 this week, the children have completed their persuasive letter to Professor Van Helsing with some fantastic results. They have applied persuasive techniques such as flattery, rhetorical questions and emotive language. Their historical investigations into primary and secondary sources of information gave them an insight into life for the Victorian upper class, which they were then able to use to gain a better understanding of how our characters would act. In Maths, the children have used practical resources to look at rounding any whole number. They are getting to grips with this concept, but it would be great extra practice if you could test them at home. Perhaps getting them to round up the shopping bill to the nearest whole, or rounding the time to the nearest hour.

Please continue to encourage and support your children at home to support them in their exciting learning journeys.

Have a lovely weekend

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