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Thought for the Day:

**"One's destination is never a place,
but always a new way of seeing things."
~ Henry Miller**

Question of the Week:

**If you could ask one question and know you
would get the right answer, what would your
question be?**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been fun packed and full of learning. We had a very entertaining class assembly from 3H reflecting the learning from their Ancient Egypt topic. Year 6 really enjoyed Lampton Schools performance on Wednesday. Children across the school have been busy drafting and editing their writing in a range of subjects. We are pleased to announce that our Basic Skills Quality Mark has been renewed and we have achieved Bronze and are a 'Rights Committed School' – well done everyone.

Nursery: In Nursery we have focused our learning on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been matching quantities to numerals using magic beans and ordering numbers on the beanstalk leaves. Our creative efforts have been focused on making models of the giant's castle in both the inside and outside learning environment. During our focus activity we have been using story language to retell the traditional tales we have learnt so far. Please continue to help your child to practice writing their name - we note a huge improvement in this and thank you for your continued support with this at home.

Reception: The children in Reception have had a busy week. Following designing a building last week the children have started making their own models. They can be very proud of the models made so far. In Maths we have continued our focus on measuring. This week our learning has been carrying out a range of measuring activities using the words long, longer, longest, short, shorter shortest. In Phonics we have been recapping some of the sounds from phase 3 and focusing upon listening to sounds in words and applying them when writing and seeing the sound when reading. We have also had good fun doing a mini talent show where the children were enthusiastic to perform in front of their friends.

Year 1: This week, Year 1 have created and described their own planet using a range of materials. The children have used these planets and their aliens from last week to plan a story for English. The children have been planning their own space story. The children have also been learning about number bonds and exploring pairs of numbers to make a given total. The children have been learning about self-hygiene too. For History and Science, the children have been learning about what space is and how people have travelled to space. Please ensure your child has jogging bottoms for PE and that ear rings are removed for those days.

Year 2: This week in Maths Year 2 have started to look at statistics. We have learnt about and practiced using tally charts and pictograms. In English we have finished writing our exciting stories about an ogre in the forest for the C8 writing competition. We are looking forward to seeing if we have an Alexandra Primary winner. In Geography we looked at London and learnt about some of the main landmarks. In Art the children learnt about colour mixing to produce a Great Fire of London themed piece of art.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have used the features of suspense to help write a dramatic paragraph. They have used short dramatic sentences, similes and ellipsis. In Maths, we will be polishing our multiplication skills and looking at dividing 2digits by 1digit. In Topic this week, we will be looking at Egypt in more detail in relation to other countries on the world map and creating a brochure to persuade people to visit. In Science, we will be exploring the different uses of magnets. In Spanish, we have been practising classroom objects such as la goma, el libro and la regla!

Year 4: This week, year 4 has continued to look at formal written methods for division. We are going to start our topic of area later in the week. In English, it has been very interesting to hear the children interpret pictures as a basis for forming stories. We are working hard to plan and write our stories for the C8 Story Competition. In Art, we have been looking at designing and making fans. The children have been using secondary sources to compare life in Ancient China to Modern China. In Science, Year 4 have observed and investigated how states of matter change when cooled or heated.

Year 5: This week, children in 5M have been learning about equivalent fractions in Maths. They are also finishing their narrative stories, set in South Africa, in English. In Science, we have been investigating dissolving – what materials do and don't dissolve and what affects dissolving. You may be shown how temperature or stirring affects the sweetness of your tea or coffee!

Year 6: This week children have been writing short stories for the C8 competition. They have been using interesting vocabulary to keep the reader interested from beginning to end. In Maths they have been solving problems involving the calculation of percentages and the use of percentages for comparison.

In our Topic lesson, the children have been learning about the similarities and differences between Athens and Sparta. They have also written a recount of the Battle from the point of view of an Athenian hoplite or a Persian soldier. During RE, they learnt why people of faith use Art, drama and song to enrich their religious experiences. The children made a string of 'thinking beads' in four blocks of colours and reflected on their thoughts for each block of colour e.g. what they are thankful for. This represents the way Buddhists pray and reflect on their thoughts and actions.

Notices: Please return any Emergency Contact forms that you may have received via pupil post recently. Please check the forms to ensure that you have completed all relevant sections.

Parents have been sent an email with the date change in May 2019. School will be open to children on 2nd May. School will be closed for Inset day on Friday 24th May.

Reminders:

Applications for places in our Nursery are now open. Applications forms can be downloaded from the Hounslow Council Website.

All medical appointments should be taken outside of school hours unless they are an emergency.

Reversible fleeces can be ordered via ParentPay, the promotional offer has now ended. For those who have ordered Fleeces will be sent out soon.

If children wear boots to school, please ensure they bring a change of shoes, so that the children do not have to sit in their boots all day.

Earrings should be small studs only – not hoops and removed completely on PE days.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.56%.
This week 3F and 5M both achieved 100% attendance – excellent work!
Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

3rd January	Spring Term Begins		
10 th January	Year 3 trip to the British Museum	12 th February	Year 2 Scooter Training
14 th January	Year 4 Chinese Workshop	12 th February	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting
17 th January	Year 5 Reading Plus	15 th February	1I Class Assembly
17 th January	Year 1 Topic Wow Day	Half Term	18th February – 22nd February
23 rd January	Nursery and Reception Theatre Workshop	1 st March	3F Class Assembly
24 th January	Year 5 African Music and Storytelling Workshop	7 th March	Parents Evening
25 th January	6F Class Assembly	8 th March	2B Class Assembly
30 th January	Year 6 Trip to Lampton School	12 th March	Parents Evening
1 st February	3H Class Assembly	15 th March	2W Class Assembly
8 th February	6B Class Assembly	22 nd March	1B Class Assembly
8 th February	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day	29 th March	1TB Class Assembly
11 th February	Year 2 Scooter Training	5th April	Last day of the Spring Term School closes at 1.30pm

