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Aspire, Perform, Succeed

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Thought for the Day:
*"If you feel like
you're losing everything,
remember that
trees lose their leaves every year
and they still stand tall
and wait for better days to come."*

Question of the Week:
Why do people sometimes enjoy being scared?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term. It has been very busy at school already with plenty of events and learning occurring. Please ensure that children are wrapped up warmly for the colder weather, with scarfs, hats, gloves and coats. We have been discussing our school aims with the children in assemblies and how our values support these and the links to **Aspire, Perform Succeed**. More information can be found on the schools' website. Parents evenings are coming up on 8th and 12th November. Please sign up for an appointment through the ParentMail system. Happy Diwali and we wish everyone attending Diwali celebrations a lovely time celebrating with family and friends.

Nursery: We have started our Teddy Bear topic by focusing on the We're Going On A Bear Hunt story. Children have been joining in with reading it and acting it out. They have also worked together to make the grass, river, mud, forest, snowstorm and cave settings. As the weather changes please encourage your child to put their coat on and off independently. Enjoy reading their story book in their book bags. We will change them every Friday.

Reception: The Reception children have come back to school after half term and settled back into the routines of school life. We have started a new topic about journeys and have been talking about some of the journeys that we have been on and learning about different types of vehicles. In phonics we have been learning the sounds h,b,f,ff,l,ll and ss and have been practising blending sounds to read words. Our maths focus has been about time. We have been practising the days of the week and talking about yesterday and tomorrow. We have also been learning about the months of the year.

Year 1: The children in Year One have settled back in to the routines quickly. They are excited about the different celebrations and festivals that coming soon. They have been learning about why light is important to us. The story focus for this week is 'Only one you' which has allowed them to think about themselves as individuals and still belonging to a group. They have been predicting what will happen in the story and learning to answer questions based on the text. The children have also been exploring numbers and counting objects to represent the numerals. They have been discussing different strategies that help them to count and add, such as; grouping, counting on and so on. The Year One Team would also like to thank parents for supporting the children in their cultural project set for homework over the half term.

Year 2: This week Year 2 have started their new topic 'Born to be Wild'. In English we are reading the Dick King Smith book 'The Hodgeheg'. We predicted what might happen in the story and used adjectives to describe Max, the main character. In Maths we have been learning to use a 100 square to add and subtract two 2 digit numbers. We have also been solving word problems and learning how to decide which operation we need to do to solve it. In Geography we have looked at continents around the world, and in Science we have talked about animals and their habitats.

Year 3: Year 3 had an amazing Stone Age day before half term. Thank you for all your efforts with the children's costume. This week, year 3 has written some spooktacular Halloween- based descriptive writing. In Maths, we have revised reading and telling the time and learning how many days are in each month. In Science, we have continued our learning about rocks and we have conducted an experiment to investigate the permeability of different soils.

Year 4: This week, Year 4 have been practising their skills on telling the time. We would like children to keep practising this at home as it is a skill they use every day! In English, our lessons have been spooktacular! Our Halloween themed lessons have extended our knowledge of the different types of adverbials. Year 4 were also lucky to be a part of the lanterns workshop where they used mathematical and artistic skills to make paper lanterns. The children will be going swimming every Friday. Thank you to parents who have helped children get organised with appropriate kit for this.

Year 5: This week in Maths, children have been learning to read Roman numerals to 1,000 (M) and recognise years written in Roman numerals. Children are also using Maths in Science lessons as they manipulate data to make graphs showing how the length of the day changes throughout the year. In English, ideas for characters and settings are being created in preparation for writing science-fiction stories.

Year 6: In English this week, the children have been editors and have been busy publishing their Viking stories. In Maths, we have been revising methods of division and using different strategies to solve tricky word problems. During our Science lessons, we've been planning an investigation to observe which conditions microorganisms need in order to grow.

Notices:

School requests that children use the school sold backpacks and bookbags for bringing in their school equipment. These are a particular size and they fit better on children's pegs. It also avoids conversations about particular brands and logos which can lead to bullying.

Birthdays – on a number of occasions recently school has been asked to distribute a variety of gifts and sweets to a class when a child celebrates a birthday in school. Whilst it is great to celebrate, this is not something the school can help with particularly when sweets may contain nuts, gelatine or gluten. Birthday fruit or raisins provided by parents, pre-cut, would be fine, however school is not able to distribute gifts.

Reminders:

Late collections: Please contact the school office if you are going to be late when collecting your child. Children will be placed into aftercare and you will be charged if you are late collecting your child.

School begins promptly, please be aware that lateness is recorded and passed on to the Education Welfare Officer.

Please check that your child is wearing the appropriate uniform and that it is theirs!

We wish to circulate newsletters via email in the near future. Please ensure that the office has an email address so that we can use less paper and become more environmentally friendly.

Heights and Weight checks will be happening for Reception and Year 6 children on Tuesday 6th November. See letter regarding this previously sent.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 97.17%. There have been a number of classes that have had 100% attendance before half term.



Congratulations to 4H and 6F.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.

Key Dates for the term:

28 th Oct	Clocks change back
8 th Nov	Parents Evening
9 th Nov	3S Class assembly
12 th Nov	Parents Evening
13 th Nov	Y5&6 Primary Sports Day
16 th Nov	5C Class assembly
26 th Nov	Y6 Parliament Trip
30 th Nov	5M Class assembly
7 th Dec	5U Class assembly
	Winter Disco
14 th Dec	Y2 Nativity
19 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term
	School closed from 1:30pm
20 th Dec-	Christmas holidays
2 nd Jan '19	

Whole School Individual Photos –unfortunately, this had been postponed. School will alert parents to a new date shortly

Spring Term begins on Thursday 3rd of January 2019

I have received a letter from one of our Year 6 children, Ismail, to alert you to the very important work that the 'Hounslow Soup Kitchen' do. They run a stall outside Primark in the High Street on a Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 with a mobile unit. They would like any volunteers and donations for food, water, clothing and toiletries. At this time of year, for some people in our society, it can be quite difficult, so if you are able to offer any help, this local charity would be very grateful.

We are looking for a new parent governor. Please see Mr Norton in the first instance if you are interested in applying. More information and the nomination form will be sent out on Monday.

