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Wow what an amazing week it has been! There are so many things that I am extremely proud of our amazing children for this week from SATs to Sports Day; they have truly been fantastic. Year 6 have sat their SATs tests this week and their level of perseverance, motivation and determination have been out of this world! They have worked so hard and shown such amazing attitudes – we sincerely hope that the awaited results show off how truly wonderful they have been. The behaviour around school in supporting a quiet and calming atmosphere has been first-class so thank you to all of the children.

We have also held our Year 5 and 6 sports day down at Northwood stadium where the children have demonstrated their brilliant sportsmanship – I am sure that we have some future Olympians in the making! They cheered one another on showing great encouragement for their peers and demonstrated determination in the race to be the winning team. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and we thank so many of you for joining us to share in this fun filled but competitive afternoon. We look forward to hosting the event for Years 3 and 4 on Monday and are certain that we will have another wonderful afternoon.

Back in the classrooms –

This week, Year 3 have had another exciting week of learning. In English, they have been continuing to write their superb stories based on the African traditional tale, ‘Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters’. I was so impressed by the range of descriptive vocabulary and their fantastic use of fronted adverbials to open their paragraphs. Their writing is truly beautiful to read and they should all be very proud indeed. In maths, Gryffindor children have continued with their length topic, learning to convert between different units of measurement and then applying this skill in a number of ways including adding and subtracting different lengths. Their understanding of how measure and length is used in every day contexts is great and they are able to use practical equipment to prove their calculations. In geography, Year 3 have extended their experience from locating countries on a map of Africa to learning about the warm climate and creating a weather map to illustrate the different temperatures of each country. I am so proud of their hard work and super effort this week! Keep it up, Year 3.

Well where to start? Y4 Hufflepuff have been a credit to the school this week and have really helped to make the y6 SATs run smoothly. They’ve shown how grown up they are this week - your teachers are very proud. In maths, children have continued with fractions where they’ve been learning to convert mixed to improper and vice versa - something that Miss Comerford spotted on the Year 6 Maths paper this week! What clever children we have in Year 4! In English, children have used ‘bundling’ to help them create their plans ready to draft write a setting description for Wind in the Willows. The afternoons have been a delight - Hufflepuff have been working hard to show off their art skills by creating triples of Mr Toad - Miss Wynne certainly enjoyed herself during these sessions (her triples are showstopping).

In class this week, Year 5 have continued to become immersed in their writing and reading through the development of their understanding of Percy Jackson and the mysterious 'Bull-man' who has tracked the young boy down to a woodland in the suburbs of New York City. The children have enjoyed becoming 'mini editors' as they are making positive steps in creating their own newspaper based on these peculiar events. In Maths, Ravenclaw continue to be successful in their understanding of adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators whilst in topic this week, history and science have been fused together as Year 5 have loved learning about the history of particular Greek gods, their superpowers, and how these abilities are linked to planets of the Solar System.

In Year 6 it’s safe to say that they are shouting from the rooftops…..SATs week is now complete! We are incredibly proud of all of our year 6 pupils who have shown a positive and mature attitude to what can be an unsettling time of year. It is clear for all to see, that our pupils were ready to show off all of their learning from their time at Grove, as they confidently took on each of the tests this week. With a smile on their face, they took the week in their stride - the morning breakfast sessions have been buzzing with excitement and anticipation all week. During Friday's Sports Day, the children showcased their talents that SATs can not measure: all children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the events. Well Done year 6 - we are very proud of you all.

It has been truly heart-warming to see how our ‘Grove’ family have supported one another through a challenging week. All of the children and staff have gone above and beyond to ensure that Year 6 have been our VIPs this week so I am sure that you will join me in saying a big thank you. I would also like to thank all of our Year 6 parents for their support in ensuring that children have been in school early to enable us to get the tests underway as soon as possible – this has been greatly appreciated.

As we enter the last week of what has been a very short half term I wish you all a lovely weekend – let’s hope that the sun keeps shining.

Many thanks

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