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Welcome to my second weekly blog of the summer term! It seems that the sunshine has left us temporarily but hopefully it will return quickly and definitely in time for our sports days which will soon be here!

This week I have had the privilege of dropping in on lots of exciting learning as I have visited classes with Mrs Moran to see our wonderful children actively engaged in their lessons. It is always lovely to see the children hard at work and showing their magic attitudes. Similarly, their brilliant behaviour and manners as they walk around school, holding doors open for everyone – it makes me very proud to be the Principal here at Grove.

Gryffindor children have had another superb week in Year 3! In maths, the children have been excited to get stuck into their new length topic and have been building a bank of mathematical vocabulary. In particular, Year 3 have learned the meaning of the word accurately and have been exploring the importance of ensuring to measure accurately. Why not ask your child how they would ensure to measure a pencil case accurately using a ruler? In English, the children have been planning their retelling of their class text, ‘Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters’, an African traditional tale. They have ordered the events of the story and begun to plan their vocabulary around each event that they will use in their own stories. In particular, the children have been applying interesting fronted adverbials, adjectives and adverbs – what clever children we have in Year 3! In order to do this, they have ‘magpied’ ideas from texts written by different authors and then considered how they could use this idea in their own work. In geography, the children have been locating different African countries on a map, applying their atlas skills and their knowledge of the 8 compass points. Another brilliant week, Year 3!

WOW - what a week in Year 4! I have been blown away by Hufflepuff this week; they’ve been incredible! Children and teachers alike, have laughed out loud watching videos of Mr Toad and his very silly wreckless driving. The children have been extremely busy exploring words they can use to make their writing out of this world. As well as all of this excitement, children have been working hard to complete their fractions unit in Power Maths, it’s not been easy, but it’s certainly been worth it. Make sure that you ask them at home to show off their fractional knowledge! In creative, children have continued to be David Attenborough and have looked at animals and their habitats. As well as this, children have explored the Tang dynasty before going on to sketch their own mythical creature.

Another great week in Year 5 too as Ravenclaw have continued to enjoy their amazing, new topic: The Clash of the Titans. This week has seen the children develop their understanding of commas and newspaper features as they have particularly focused on the purpose and effect of orientations. The children have continued to use the year-group class text: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan to provide an exciting stimulus, developing a newspaper report based on a surprise attack by a menacing and colossal Minotaur - does Percy survive or is that the last we have seen of our hero? In 'Power Maths', Year 5 have continued to develop their understanding of fractions by learning about fractions as division. It's been fantastic to see the confidence growing in all of the children in what - traditionally - can be a very challenging topic for children; they will continue fractions next week through the addition and subtraction. Finally, in Science, Ravenclaw have continued to wonder about Space by delving into further detail about the fascinating and unique planets within our Solar System. Swimming and Sports Day practice has also started - exciting times ahead!

Year 6 have continued their revision this week and have shown a positive and mature attitude as they approach next week with confidence. All of the teachers are incredibly proud of their efforts and are sure they will shine as they always do! They have continued to read the book ‘holes’ in preparation for their writing post-SATs and are really getting to grips with the storylines and how the characters unfold. On Friday the children enjoyed a well-deserved fun PE session where they practiced their skills for the upcoming sports day. We continue to appreciate all your support at home and hope that the children enjoy a lovely relaxed break this weekend and are fresh and ready for next week. Early nights all round for staff and pupils next week will be the best preparation to ensure the children are ready to go on Monday.

It has been another action-packed week, particularly for Year 6 as they have continued to prepare for the upcoming SATs – we are all so proud of them already and how they have shown resilience and determination in their preparation for next week. You can do this Year 6! We know that you will be fantastic and aim for the stars!

Thanks you, as always for your ongoing support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Carrigan