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Can you believe that another week is over and it is time for me to share my blog with you all again already – this Summer term really does fly by!

As usual it has been a busy and action packed week here at Grove. Many exciting things take place during this term and I love to share all of our news with you!

Our final Special Man’s Breakfast was held this week and it was lovely to see many of you in school supporting the event and sharing special time with your children. We also held our ‘New to Year 3’ evening earlier in the week which was very well attended. We are excited about the latest members of our Grove family joining us in September and want to ensure that they know everything they need to before they begin on their Grove journey. The staff worked very hard to ensure that parents and children could see what fantastic learning opportunities we provide here at Grove so a huge thank you to all involved.

Year 3 Gryffindor have worked incredibly hard to begin editing and improving their diary entries, which have been based around their exciting classroom text. Also, children have been converting between digital and analogue times - this has been a challenging maths skill to secure, so well done children! Please support them at home by asking them to read the time from different clocks i.e. on the cooker, microwave, wall clock, watch etc. as this will really help them to embed these skills. The children are all very excited about their school trip next Tuesday and they have been planning which animals they are desperate to see at Chester Zoo - I know the teachers are equally as excited too!

During the last week in Hufflepuff, it's been a messy but productive time with the children creating habitats for their imaginary creatures. The skills shown are impressive and there is a real buzz across the year group as the children have used a wide range of equipment and resources. The boxes they brought in were very useful so thank you for providing these. In writing, the children have been drafting their play scripts for a scene from 'The Blue Planet' – I can’t wait to see them act them out. Their maths work has been based around area and the children have had a fantastic time applying their problem solving skills to discuss and solve the challenges that they have been faced with.

Indeed, another excellent week of learning in Ravenclaw too! As mentioned last week, Year 5 have used last week's plan to finally draft their persuasive radio advert based on the garden party hosted by none other than the "gracious" Queen of Hearts from their themed book: "Alice in Wonderland". The children have composed some wonderful pieces using a wide range of literary techniques and specialist vocabulary to really make this event feel like it is THE party of the year (I wish that I was attending for real!!). They will edit, improve and re-draft these next week. During Maths, Ravenclaw have continued to focus their learning on area and perimeter, building on last week's introduction to this topic. This has deepened their understanding and knowledge further. In History, the children have been learning about famous Victorians and influential people: the world-renowned Queen Victoria; the heroism of Florence Nightingale; and the ingenious creativity of Lewis Carroll - the children could not stop asking questions about a topic which has really engaged them. Finally, Science got a little messier than usual as children continued to sort and separate mixtures using the process of "Filtering". Do test them on this knowledge of separating as I look forward to what next week brings!!

In Year 6 this week, the children have worked hard once again in relation to their written work. They have finalised their narrative write based on 'The Candy House'. These narratives have been wonderful to read and it's quite clear that the children’s imaginations have shone through. Following this work, the children have been developing an informative leaflet based on healthy eating and lifestyles. This has tied in well with some of the work that the children did a few weeks previously in their science learning. The aim is for these leaflets to look inviting and informative; all of the staff look forward to seeing the final product. In addition to this, the children have continued to work on their 'Transition Secret Mission' work which will be sent to their high schools soon – exciting times ahead for Year 6!

Summer term, Summer game! This week in PE all year groups have focused on playing Rounders. Year 3 have been practising their fielding skills; throwing and catching over various distances. We have looked at how the ball can travel through the air, across the floor and how we can work as a team to field successfully. Year 4 have also looked at fielding skills this week and how we can quickly field the ball against the batting team. Lots of target practise helped when playing in a game situation by fielding the ball and moving it quickly to get players out at the posts. Year 5 have recapped their Rounders knowledge and played game situations focusing on how the fielding team can field the ball by using the short barrier and the long barrier techniques. They then showed this when playing in a game situations against the batting team. It is really great to see progression in skill development – I bet you didn’t know there was so much involved in a game of rounders!

The School Council have also had a busy week again. They have been preparing an assembly about their healthy eating proposals, where their ideas will be shared with all of the children. They are hoping that their persuasive presentations get their friends on board to improve healthy lifestyles and outcomes for our school community. I know that they cannot wait to put their ideas into place! How fantastic!

Time to sign off for the weekend now. Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your special people!

Mrs Machin