

## RECEPTION

This week in Reception our theme has been 'Autumn'. We discussed the seasons and the characteristics of autumn. We read the book *The Leaf Thief* about a squirrel who thinks someone is stealing his leaves until he discovers it is the autumn wind! The boys had fun making autumn collages from the natural resources we picked up on our walk last week. We also talked about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> November with fireworks and bonfires and how to keep safe around them. The boys loved creating their own firework pictures with paint and glitter. In Phonics, we learnt the new sounds ck, eur and were introduced to the tricky words 'to' and 'the'. We have to remember not to let the tricky words trick us! Please continue to reinforce the new sounds and tricky words at home with the sheets in the book bag and the PowerPoints on our school website.

## YEAR 1

This week Year 1 finished their Room on the Broom topic. We wrote down sentences dictated by the teacher, making sure to include capital letters and full stops which we highlighted later. We also wrote our very own potion recipes and had great fun illustrating them. In Phonics, we revised Level 3 and are eager to commence Level 5 next week! Our Handwriting focus is now the 'ball bounce' family. These are the letters b, p, k, r, n, m and which start from the top, go down and then bounce right back up again. We had great fun bouncing and catching balls as part of our motor skills sessions to accompany our Handwriting. In Maths we are working on subtraction. We drew number-lines in the playground using chalk and jumped back along them to work out subtraction sentences. We then used real number-lines in class the following day. In Science we have started to learn about the five vertebrate classes; mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish.

## YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, we've been busy learning and exploring! In Maths, we practiced number bonds to 10, added three one-digit numbers together, and explored adding 10 to any number. In English, we created story maps to retell the real story of *The true story of the Three Little Pigs* and even wrote our own version of the beginning. Our Science lesson took us on a material hunt around the school, identifying different materials in our school. In phonics, we focused on the "ge" and "dge" sounds, which make the "j" sound. It's been a fun and productive week.

## YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 English, we continued with our story, *The Hedgehog*, and have been learning all about fact files. We learned about the features of a fact file, including paragraphs, headings and subheadings. In Maths, we have been practicing using column method for times tables so that we can multiply 2 digit numbers by one digit numbers. We carried out a rock permeability experiment in Science. We really enjoyed making hedgehog bookmarks and poppies!

## YEAR 4

Year 4 continued writing their story, mimicking the style of the class reader, *"The girl who stole an elephant"*. They have included all the SPaG they have been learning, including expanded noun phrases, speech and pronouns. They have also been learning how to use various mental addition and subtraction techniques to help them. In Humanities, they have started a new topic, comparing the UK to Mexico. It is amazing to see the similarities and differences.

## YEAR 5

This week in Year 5, we've had an exciting and varied learning experience. In English, we began exploring our new text, *Julius Caesar*, and delved into Shakespeare's work by answering comprehension questions and making predictions about the story. In Maths, we focused on both long and short multiplication methods, honing our skills for solving more complex problems. Our science lessons were filled with active learning as we explored how planets orbit the sun, understanding the science behind the solar system. Finally, in Humanities, we looked at the evolution of the Olympics, tracing its origins in Ancient Greece and exploring how it has changed over time. It's been a week full of discovery and growth in all our subjects!

## YEAR 6

In Year 6 this week 6P started the Bikeability programme and the feedback has been excellent. 6H started learning about non-chronological writing and they planned a piece of extended writing that will be completed next week. They used a fact sheet on Dubai and one on a Great White Shark as a support for their planning. Draft 1 looks excellent. In Science 6H planned a fair test and learnt about changing the variables. They made predictions before observing the results. There were some interesting outcomes. It was an exciting lesson that will be developed further next week.