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Week 5

Sports Leaders

On Wednesday 4 children from across year 5 and 6 took part in the sports leaders Masterclass at Sevenoaks School. This was a chance for these children to support their roles as sports ambassadors in the school to help organise events. The children were given 4 random bits of equipment to develop 4 games for other children to achieve in. The children then taught these to another school, developing their leadership and organisation which will hopefully be key in their roles as sports leaders in school, support break time play and intra competitions between the houses. The children worked really hard all afternoon and I was very proud in the way they performed.

Hockey Hero's

On Friday 15 year 1's and 2's had the opportunity to take part in a hockey development afternoon at Sevenoaks Hockey club, the children had the opportunity to learn the basic hockey skills as well as take part in some mini games against each other. Some of these children had never played hockey before but demonstrated by the end a fantastic growth in knowledge and skill and hopefully a want to play hockey again.

Harvest Festival

You may have seen the letter for Wednesday 7th October's Harvest Service up at St Georges Church, an opportunity to sing, celebrate and be thankful for the food we eat.

Around the Classes

Kingfishers - In maths, year 6 have been exploring factors, multiples, prime numbers and short division, applying these skills to a range of problems and challenges. In English they have begun a new text, The Way Home by Libby Hathorn, which we will be using as inspiration for their narrative writing. In Science
they have learning about microorganisms, with a particular focus on fungi, linking this learning with their Forest School session, giving them the opportunity to see some of the things in a real-world context. In Spanish they made their first attempts at writing, creating a description of Barcelona and putting some of our new Spanish vocabulary into sentences.

Badgers - This week the children have been working hard at their independent writing, creating an additional chapter for Goth Girl in the gothic style. In Maths they have been practising rounding and using this, together with their knowledge of how addition and subtraction are the inverse of each other, to check answers. They had a particular highlight on Tuesday afternoon, playing hockey in the sun before creating Goth Girl book covers out of found materials in Forest School. In Science the children were testing how much mass different types of paper material could hold before tearing.

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Week 5 - continued

Swans As well as their usual packed week of Basketball in PE, electrical circuits in science, swimming on Thursday and lots of timetable practice!! The children's highlight this week was a fantastic trip to Kent Life stone age day, stepping back in time to experience Stone Age life! They had a hugely busy day packed with historical discoveries. Some of our highlights included:
•Meeting a real-life Stone Age tribe member!
•Learning all about the different tools and weapons they used.
•Discovering the beliefs and burial practices of Stone Age people.
•Getting hands-on making our own food by grinding grain into flour.
•Exploring how early people transitioned from being hunter-gatherers to settling down and beginning to farm.
The children learned so much and were full of enthusiasm as well as representing the school really well.

Otters In Literacy following on from the text 'The Storm Whale', I was so impressed this week by their final pieces of writing produced, with 4 making onto the wow wall and others earning lots of stickers and housepoints. In Science, they have started learning about Animals Including Humans. This week the children investigated their heart rates by measuring their pulse before and after exercise and comparing the difference. They also started a new Literacy topic on instructional writing, heading into Forest School, where the children followed a set of instructions to make magical willow wands.

Hedgehogs (YR) This week the children have been exploring patterns using different manipulatives as well as nature and stickers. The children made the most of the sunny weather investigating with water outside as well as making huge progress in phonics with their letter sounds.

Headteacher award – each class has a child nominated for a headteacher award for great work, character and achievement in school. They receive a certificate and a chance to all come to my office for a celebratory hot chocolate or juice. Well done **Maisie** in Kingfishers, **Mia** in Badger Class, **Jude** in Swans, **Joshua** in Otters and **Arthur** in Hedgehogs.

'wow work' of the week. The teachers nominate an outstanding piece of work that can be shared on our notice board in school to celebrate their fantastic work. This week well done to **Molly** in Year 5, **Jude** in year 4, **Tommy**, **Eva**, **Florence** and **Rowan** in year 2 and **Yves** in year R.

Best wishes

Mr Taylor

Up and coming events:

Monday 5th Oct year 3/4 Rugby festival

Wednesday 7th Oct Harvest Festival service 9-10am

Monday 12th Oct – year 3/4 hockey @ Sevenoaks Hockey club

Monday 12th Oct Netball Match home to Leigh

Wednesday 14th Oct Tri Golf afternoon 1-3pm

Friday 16th October Pumpkin Walk and Halloween Hoedown pm

Friday 16th October Last day of term

Monday 2nd November Term 2 begins