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Dear Parents and Carers

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As we approach the end of another busy and successful half term at Grove, I wanted to tell you about some of the wonderful opportunities and experiences our children have enjoyed over the past few months. It has once again been a pleasure to see our children learning both inside and outside of the classroom, developing new skills, confidence and memories that will stay with them for years to come. I also wanted to remind you that, as we get into the Summer term and the possibility of hot weather, please make sure your child has sun cream and hats (if possible).

Throughout the term, children across school have taken part in a wide range of visits, workshops and community activities that have supported and enriched their learning. Year 1 visited the Black Country Living Museum with an art focus, where the children further developed their artistic skills linked to their classroom learning. They were also able to make valuable links to their history work whilst exploring the houses, toys and artefacts from the past.

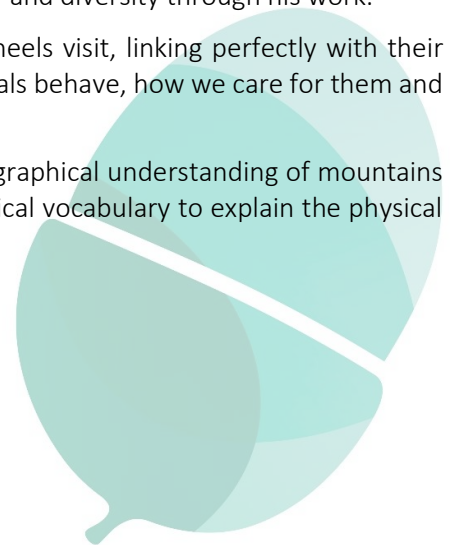
Some of our Year 5 children visited Royal Park Nursing Home for St George's Day, where they began building relationships with members of our local community. The visit helped the children develop their understanding of how celebrations and traditions have changed over time, whilst also encouraging kindness, empathy and respect for others.

Year 3 have had a particularly busy term. During their local area walk, the children explored how our local area has changed over time, visiting sites such as the Royal Hospital and local factories, including Dixon's factory, to see how industry continues to develop today. They also visited the Black Country Living Museum, where they explored canals and historic properties, making links to previous learning and developing their understanding of local history further. In addition, Year 3 attended a performance at The Halls, helping them develop their understanding of orchestras and musical performance by experiencing live music outside of the classroom.

Year 5 also took part in a virtual author visit with Iqbal Hussain. The children explored how authors generate ideas for their stories and were introduced to an author who champions equality and diversity through his work.

Our Nursery and Reception children thoroughly enjoyed the Farm on Wheels visit, linking perfectly with their topic on animals. The children developed their understanding of how animals behave, how we care for them and the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect.

Year 4 visited Carding Mill Valley, where the children developed their geographical understanding of mountains and rivers. They were able to apply prior learning confidently, using technical vocabulary to explain the physical features they observed.



Across the school, Reverend Ray has continued supporting our children's understanding of Christianity and Pentecostal worship, whilst helping to strengthen our culture of belonging and community within school. Children from Years 1 to 6 also enjoyed a music service performance, inspiring many of them to explore their own musical talents and engage more fully with music both in and out of school.

Finally, our Year 6 girls represented the school brilliantly at a recent netball tournament. Opportunities such as these allow children to participate in competitive sport, develop teamwork skills and grow in confidence whilst improving their sporting abilities.

On top of all this, of course, our Year 6 children took their SATs and we hope their results reflect how hard they have worked for the past year. Last year's results were **the best the school has ever had** and we hope this improvement continues. Whatever the results, however, we are very proud of our children, their enthusiasm, behaviour and willingness to embrace new experiences never fails to impress us, and they are a real credit to you all.

Finally, can I remind you of some important dates

Monday 1st June	Inset Day
Tuesday 2nd June	School Re-opens to children
Thursday 11th June	Reception classes school trip to the Zoo
Monday 22nd June`	Nursery – Teddy bears picnic
Thursday 2nd July	Year 2 – Weston Super Mare Trip to the seaside
Monday 6 th July	Sports day (KS1 and KS2)
Friday 17th July	Last day – Summer Holiday's – School Closes 3.15pm (No Afterschool Provision on this day)
Thursday 3rd Sept	Children return to school

As always, thank you for your continued support throughout the term. It is greatly appreciated by all staff and helps us continue to provide the best possible experiences for your children.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break, and if there is anything you would like to discuss regarding your child or their education, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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