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LOOK WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS TERM.....

<p>Nursery</p>	<p>The Nursery have had a busy time with a number of experiments we have carried out over the past few weeks based around Nursery rhymes. We investigated what sort of objects would roll down a slope during our Humpty Dumpty week. After testing a number of different ones, we looked at what the ones that rolled best had in common. Inspired by Mary Mary Quite Contrary, we planted beans and spoke about what the seeds needed in order to grow. A number of children have sent in photos of their beans from home that are now bigger than they are. We put white carnations in different coloured water and predicted what would happen to them and were pleased to see that the petals changed colour according to the water they were in. As a follow on, we placed flowers in different flavoured water but the flowers smelled the same as they did before. The food decaying experiment was visited by most children on a daily basis with the milk showing the greatest change though we decided that most things were best left in the fridge or wrapped up.</p> <p>The Nursery has been visited by firefighters, the police and a postal worker to speak about their jobs and the children were excited to sit in the fire engine and police car.</p> <p>Our role-play area has been a school and a puppet theatre with the children enjoying a good deal of writing as they practised their letters and names in the school and made posters about the shows they were going to put on.</p> <p>We have been out on the field to investigate changes in the weather. The snow proved very popular and we recently spent time looking at the blossom, buds and new flowers as we moved into spring. A whole week was spent learning about Chinese New year and how the years were named after the position animals finished in a race. We tried Chinese food, made animal masks, did ribbon dancing and finished the week with a lion dance during PE. One of the parents came in and read a story in Mandarin to the children.</p> <p>Inspired by the Jez Alborough book, It’s the Bear, we had a picnic in the garden and some of the children spoke about times they had eaten in different places outside. Others had never had a picnic and could barely contain their excitement.</p>
<p>Reception</p>	<p>We have had lots of lovely visits from the children's parents telling us all about their different occupations, what they have to do in their jobs, why they wanted to be in that profession, what they had to learn etc. The children have been asking lots of really good questions to find out more.</p> <p>We have had a visit from the police and the fire service and the children all had the opportunity to sit inside the fire engine and see the different pieces of equipment that get used. The children particularly liked the huge 'cutting claws' and their 'special key' for getting into any door!</p> <p>Mr Brown came to see us and we found out all about his exciting job in a band.</p> <p>We loved dressing up for World Book Day and bringing in our favourite stories to share.</p> <p>We had a lovely time sharing reading books with our friends in Year 3.</p> <p>We have been practising our writing at every possible opportunity and the children have been so proud to show what they can now do.</p> <p>We had a special week focusing on all the creative jobs involving the arts. The children loved</p>

	<p>drawing pictures to show how a piece of music made them feel, trying out different styles of dance, working on observational drawings outside and freeze-framing to develop our acting skills!</p>
Year 1	<p>In Year 1 we have continued to prepare for June's phonics screener and the children have amazed us with their progress in phonics and reading!</p> <p>We were lucky to have SET Point come in to run a science workshop which explored different materials. The children were thoroughly engaged and we are looking forward to expanding on this next term when we look at the houses of the Three Little Pigs!</p> <p>The children...and adults, all took part in Sing Up day on 14th March. Year 1 performed "Alice the Camel" to the other year groups, complete with actions, and made their teachers very proud! They were so taken with the song the grown-ups performed that they have also now learnt that and sing it weekly!</p> <p>Our food technology project saw us researching typical British foods, in particular scones. We had great fun using our measuring skills to make cheese scones....and even more fun eating them!</p> <p>In science we have been looking at plants and have really enjoyed watching our beanstalks grow....maybe you will spend your Easter climbing them to find a golden goose!</p>
Year 2	<p>We have been very busy in Year 2 with lots of fabulous learning going on! The children have made fantastic houses which they have shared in school. We all took them to the hall and rebuilt London as part of our Great Fire of London topic. Thank you for all your support in helping them to make them. Bridge Builders came in to work with the children and we explored the rules we have in different parts of our lives. The children were very creative and produced some fantastic posters to show this. We used the school grounds to look for signs of Spring as part of our science learning. Exciting to find blossom in February! Everyone looked great in their dressing up outfits on World Book Day. We made poems in groups inspired by the book Rumble in the Jungle. The children were excited to see their work on display in the Year 1 corridor. A science workshop provided lots of opportunities for testing and predicting a range of materials. We were very proud of how much knowledge the children had when talking to the workshop leader. Everyone found it hilarious when we talked about why we don't have trousers made from glass! Sing up Day enabled us to share our voices with the school, learning a new song in the morning and performing it in the afternoon. Well done everyone for your amazing efforts this term! Keep it up!</p>
Year 3	<p>We had a mysterious Easter vault where children had to use their decoding math skills to unlock the vault and find what was hidden in there.</p> <p>We also had a crime scene where children will have to figure out who stole the Easter costume and then make a wanted poster for that person. The room became a crime scene with police tape and a costume layout taped on the floor.</p> <p>The children have been taking part in learning music and dance routines inspired by country music. We had a visitor in teaching us the dance moves and the children were beaming!</p> <p>We have a visitor from Bridge Builders speaking to the children about Christianity.</p> <p>We had a visitor from the canal reservation society who showed us different types of bridges. Then the children built their own bridges with different materials to see which way was the strongest.</p> <p>We enjoyed learning a song for the sing up day and dressing up as our favourite characters for world book day.</p>
Year 4	<p>Mr Singh visited year 4 and discussed Sikhism with the children.</p> <p>Bridge Builders visited and introduced the Easter story.</p> <p>The children created a circus in the classroom and performed their own magic tricks.</p> <p>In science lessons, they have enjoyed a range of experiments from making phones to using instruments.</p> <p>The children have enjoyed creating their own PowerPoints on a chosen topic in computing.</p> <p>The children have had lots of fun creating rainforest art.</p> <p>We are all very proud of how well the children are doing in swimming lessons.</p>
Year 5	<p>We had a science workshop where the children took part in lots of experiments</p> <p>The children enjoyed internet safety day where they were split into houses to complete a variation of activities through different forms of art</p> <p>World book day – We had a Wizard of Oz theme in year 5, creating magical lands via writing and artwork</p>

	<p>Mrs Bull organised a young lady to come in and sing with us and then we composed a song together We learned the song 'Raise my voice' for Sing Up day which we loved</p>
Year 6	<p>Chocolate tasting to support an explanation text of how chocolate is made. Pupils worked very hard on their formal writing. Fantastic formal letters have been written in year 6 – the children used a range of persuasive techniques very well - and proved particularly good at using flattery to try and get what they wanted! The children have been learning lots about World War 2 and wrote some amazing poems about the life of a child in Germany during the era. The children particularly enjoyed hiding under the table when the air-raid siren went off! They even tried a spam fritter – with obligatory chips of course!! Everyone has been working incredibly hard in maths and English in preparation for their upcoming SATs tests. We were also super proud of the children's behaviour, engagement and manners when we visited the church for the Easter journey.</p>
Key Stage/ Whole School	<p>The new website is up and running Lodge Farm's first Sing Up Day was a great success. However, the staff won't be giving up their day jobs! Online Safety Day – with the theme of Consent World Book Day – fabulous costumes Comic Relief Day PTA Mothers' Day Secret Room PTA Disco Year 6 Leavers Committee have been fundraising like crazy to provide the children with a fantastic send off Year 6 Transition Project has started Herts Catering have visited Lodge Farm to film our new dining areas Science Workshops Foundation Sports Lunch Club – How red were some faces! Our football and netball teams have represented Lodge Farm extremely well KS2 Friday Enrichment Activities have produced some great performances and beautiful cross stitch Parents' Consultation – 94% attendance 185 children have attended our Extra-Curricular clubs which take place during lunchtimes and after school 180 children will receive their attendance certificate this term by being at school at 98% of the time since September Social skills groups and activities in The Den have helped support children with friendships, confidence and self-esteem. This included an external music group led by the local Music Centre.</p>
What's coming up next term	<p>SEND Parents group – with food and wine! Sports Week – lots of fun activities are being planned End of Year celebrations Annual year group trips Year 6 Residential "Glamping" Marilyn Hawes back to update on the local safeguarding concerns and how we can keep our children safe. Foundation Sports running additional activities before and after school New "Live Kitchen" system to allow for online ordering of meal options Class assemblies SATs and Phonics Screener Marking and Feedback policy changing in light of Pupil Voice</p>