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Our School values are Respect, Honesty & Love
This term we are focusing on Respect

Milk Bottle Top Collection
Thank you to everyone who has been collecting milk lids for Tom’s wheelchair, I know it will make a massive difference to his day to day independence.
His Mum has said “We’ve been totally overwhelmed by the response and will be stopping collecting at the end of September. We are almost there and his chair is on order, thank you again.”

Reception Classes:
News: Can now be found on the Kingsholm Primary School Facebook page.

Year 1
Remember: Please can all children in 1M bring in a pair of wellington boots to keep in school for this term. The children will need them on a Wednesday afternoon when they do Dirt Diggers (outdoor learning) with Mr Bunce.
News: Year 1 will be going for a short walk around Kingsholm on Tuesday 15th September. It will only be for around an hour as part of our Geography learning.
Thank you for returning your child’s PE Kit, if you haven’t already please can you do so ASAP. As the weather is unpredictable please can your child bring in a coat to school.
We have had a lovely week in Year 1! We started to learn about our theme ‘No Place Like Holm!’ and have asked questions about the local area. We used our observational skills in Geography to walk around the school. In English we have been perfecting our sentence skills and practising our phonic skills. In Mathematics we have been practise all aspects of number.

Year 2:
Remember: Our PE days are as follows:
2B Wednesday and Friday
2C Thursday and Friday
2D Thursday and Friday
News: We have had a really good week settling into Year 2. In English we have been reading and retelling the story of ‘Queen Victoria’s Knickers’. In Mathematics we have been looking at numbers and place value. The children in 2B and 2C had a great time on their trip to the Folk Museum and 2D are looking forward to going next week.
All the children in Year 2 will have access to Mathletics by the end of next week. We would like the children to try and have a go at logging in and doing some of the activities at home. Please see the class teacher if you do not have access to the internet and we will try to arrange for your child to use a computer during school time.

Year 3
Remember: There is a local walk to the Gloucester Museum on Tuesday 22nd September. Many thanks to all the parents who turned up for the Year 3 parent’s meeting on Thursday 10th September; it was lovely to meet you all. Your child will be bringing their reading record home and they need to be returned everyday. When you read with your child, please remember to write a small comment and/or sign next to the book your child has read. There is a P.E. incentive for the children to remember their P.E kit. We have started P.E. this week so if you have forgotten it please bring it in as soon as possible.
News: Year 3 have had a mystery to solve this week in English! The children discovered a balloon with a message attached some scattered cotton wool and a sock on their tables! We have been using lots of discussion and asking questions using modal verbs to try to find out where on earth these objects had come from! The children have then learnt how to write some different types of sentences to answer our questions. By the end of the week we had cracked the case and found out that the message was a plea for help. It was taken from our class text ‘The Mishievians’ which we will be looking at in English to help write a non-chronological report. Please do ask your children more and I am sure they can enlighten you on what a Mishievian is!
In Mathematics this week we have been improving our knowledge of number through counting, place value and sequencing.
In our theme learning, we have had a fab week! We started off by receiving a visitor from the City Museum where we learnt more about the Stone Age and what it was like to live in that time. We borrowed some fascinating artefacts and we have been using them when drawing cave paintings and creating Stonehenge silhouettes.
Thanks for a brilliant second week children!
Year 4:

**Remember:**
School Trip to the Folk Museum (if you are available to help, please see your child’s class teacher).
- 4B is on Tuesday 15th September
- 4W is on Wednesday 16th September
- 4S is on Thursday 17th September

**News:**
This term we have had a great start to our new theme, ‘Bombs Away’. The children have experienced what life would have been like during World War II and how children were taught. They are really excited to learn more.
In English this week we have started our new text, ‘A Child’s Garden’ and have been exploring the book and creating drama pieces.
In Mathematics we have been focussing on place value and partitioning numbers.

Year 5:

**Remember:**
5S PE – Monday and Wednesday
5E PE – Tuesday and Thursday
Please remember FULL PE kit on these days.

**News:** We have had a super week in Year 5! The children have settled in well and have enjoyed getting fully involved in their theme learning.
In English we have been reading ‘The Last Viking’ and on Friday the children wrote an alternative ending for the story in their Big Write.
In Mathematics we have been extending our knowledge of place value, ordering, comparing, reading and writing numbers well into the millions!
Our theme learning has involved finding out about why the Vikings came to Britain, and we made a very detailed timeline showing who all the key Kings and figures were during this historical period.

Year 6:

**Remember:** PE has restarted and this term it is on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure PE kit is labelled and in school. Thank you.
For children taking part in the PGL trip final payments are now due. Please pay by parent pay or at the office.

**News:** Firstly, a huge ‘thank you’ to all parents who found time to organise costumes for our Egyptian Day on Friday. The response was fantastic and the children had a fun-packed day with lots of different activities. They enjoyed trying new foods, although it’s fair to say the stuffed vine leaves were generally not a hit!
Everyone has settled in well and we are delighted with our new classrooms. This year the children have been organised into smaller teaching groups for English and Mathematics and they are doing really well getting used to moving class for lessons as they will need to do in Senior School.
In English we have started our new learning journey and enjoyed watching a short film of our new book called ‘Tuesday’. The children spent a very creative lesson ‘narrating’ the story as the book itself has no words!
In Mathematics we have been looking at place value and rounding numbers with some groups moving on to negative numbers and mathematical reasoning. Explaining your thinking is new to the children at the moment, but they are really embracing the challenge. Well done Year 6.
In theme lessons we have been learning about where the Ancient Egyptian civilisation fitted in with regards to the other historical periods that the children are familiar with and have started to look at some Ancient Egyptian history as well.
Finally, a big ‘Well done’ to our newly elected House Captains - we know you will do a fabulous job.