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Dear Children in School and Families,

Well done everyone, we have got through another week and survived some horrible wet and windy weather! You have also been working hard. Here is what has been going on in the class bubbles:

News from Bubbles:

Foundation Stage – Robins have been enjoying our ‘Under the Sea’ topic work and weighing and measuring in maths. Ducklings have been sharing Jez Alborough books and having fun with a topic about the sea.

Finches – We have been looking at addition in maths and in English learning the story ‘Awongalema’. In topic time we have been learning about Africa, including playing djembe drums.

Owls – We have been improving our descriptive writing based on the ‘Coyote Story’, developing our geographical skills and learning about what animals need from their habitat – all linked to our current North American topic.

Doves – We have enjoyed a virtual trip to Madrid, about which we wrote our own tourist brochures. We have drawn in the style of Miro and chosen a famous Spanish person to research.

Woodpeckers – Our newspaper reports are developing well and we hope to finish them soon. We have also enjoyed designing African masks and being kind to each other!

Kingfishers – Work on our panda report is coming along nicely. We are now displaying our ‘country’ booklets in the classroom along with ones that have been submitted by children working at home. We are enjoying practising Manga-style-character drawing in art.

Residential to Woodlands for Current Year 5 and Year 6 Children – This was originally planned for last November but could not take place due to pandemic restrictions. We then planned to move the week to later in the summer term this year. I am sorry to say that we have taken the decision to **cancel** this for a number of reasons including timing (part of the week we were offered ran into the school holidays), staffing, expense for families and uncertainty over whether the centre would be open and even if it is whether restrictions will hinder and limit what’s on offer. I am sure those of you who were keen to go will be disappointed. This has been a different school year for everyone. If you are in Year 6 please be assured that we will do everything we can to help you have a happy and memorable final few months at New Hinksey.

Statutory Tests – We have had confirmation from the government that this summer the following tests and assessments will not be taking place: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Year 2 SATs, Year 4 Times Tables Check, Year 6 SATs.

Parents – Please do get into the habit of checking the school website each weekend where you will find the weekly newsletter. Thank you.

Have a happy weekend everyone,

Charlotte Haynes

Parents are welcome in our school