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Dear Parents and Carers of children in school this week,

It has been a busy week in school and your children are working hard on their learning activities and behaving beautifully. Thank you for keeping to our drop off and pick-up times. Our covid protective measures appear to be working well with consistent, separate bubbles, extra hand washing and hand sanitising, additional cleaning down of surfaces, mask wearing for adults and social distancing as far as is possible with children.

News from Class Bubbles:

Foundation Stage – The children have been looking at habitats around the world and learning the new sounds ‘e’ and ‘f’. Ducklings have had a focus on the story of ‘The Gingerbread Man’.

Finches – We have enjoyed the Amazonian story ‘The Snake and the Frog’ and in maths we have worked on number bonds and number stories. In science we looked at herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. In history we found out about how music has changed over the decades.

Owls – We have been learning the story of ‘How the Coyote Brought Fire to Earth’, practising addition and subtraction, working on food chains of North American mammals and making sculptures inspired by Haida objects made in Canada. We’ve also been listening to American music by Gershwin, Copeland and Adams.

Doves – We have had fun on a virtual visit to Paris, made information booklets about Paris, made a miniature Eiffel Tower and enjoyed citron pressé.

Woodpeckers – We have focussed on journalistic writing in English, a variety of maths skills in maths including 6-digit numbers, states of matter in science (solids, liquids and gases) and African masks in art.

Kingfishers – Our writing has been non chronological reports about pandas and in science we made parachutes out of bin bags to see what made them fall at different speeds.

A few reminders:

- Please keep your child at home if they are ill and inform the office by phone or email the reason why they are off (01865 242169 or office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk)
- If any household members are showing signs of corona virus and are waiting for a test or the test result, children should not come into school until the test result is known to be negative. If the test result is positive, self-isolation for ten days for the whole household, needs to take place in accordance with the public health or test and trace guidance you are given. Please keep us informed.
- Please could children in school wear, **every day**, clothes suitable for PE and running around outside in, including trainers.
- Children in school should have a named water bottle.

Thank you – It feels like Christmas was a long time ago now, but all the staff would like to say thank you for the many gifts which you generously gave us at the end of term – they were very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you next week after a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes from the Team at New Hinksey Primary School.

Parents are welcome in our school