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Message From Headteacher,

Covid:

We still have additional safety measures in place for COVID—having had positive cases in most year groups - assemblies are happening in classrooms, lunchtimes are split into different sittings—with older children eating in their classrooms. Some year groups have been given advice to test daily (which is the latest guidance if they have been in a classroom with a positive case within 48 hours.) Unfortunately we were required to close a bubble last week, and have needed to have supply teachers (Mr Hibbert teaching.) to cover staff absences. I am very grateful to all parents who have been supporting in tickle-testing children, and extremely grateful to all the parents who have been doing home learning.

Learning in Class:

Despite all of these changes, I have been amazingly impressed with how well children have handled the new year. Mrs Greenwood in **year 5 and 6** has built bonds quickly with her class and the students are now feeling settled and working with focus. They are fascinated with their topic of Volcanoes and Earthquakes—I love how every time I walk in the falcon's classroom they want to share the knowledge they have just learnt.

Year 3 and 4 have had a very disrupted start to the year, with us requiring to close the bubble due to COVID. Thank you to all the parents who supported the school in delivering this remote learning. Despite the challenges of home learning, and not having Mrs Spiers in the class until yesterday—they haven't let these challenges stop them. Yesterday, I saw a fantastic science lesson where children were testing out friction of different surfaces—the room was full of smiles, great teamwork and enthusiasm.

Year 1 and 2 are really enjoying learning about the great fire of London. They had a DT day on Monday, where they build a cardboard model of London, the houses look really impressive - especially the thatched rooves (some of the straw even managed to stay on the houses rather than spread across the whole school!) I know the children can't wait for a trip to the fire station on the base, when they will get to witness first hand the Great Fire of London.



Reception have had a focus on

traditional tales. Each week they have been learning, telling, and writing a different fairy tale. This week was the turn of the Hansel and Gretel. They loved building a gingerbread house as out of giant cardboard boxes—they are very proud that it almost reaches the ceiling! They have spent most of the week making up their own stories, dressing up and pretending it is a house/ castle/giant shoe/rocket or anything else which can only be created in a 4 year-olds imagination. Today they are making actual gingerbread houses and decorating them with sweets.

In **nursery** they have been learning about eating healthy food and learning about staying healthy. They have enjoyed pretending to be Doctor's in their hospital role-playing corner. Their book has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar which was used to discuss different types of food—and the need to eat a bit of everything. The activities which they have especially enjoyed this week was making faces out of cut up fruit and making a giant version of the Caterpillar out of paper-plates, paint, glue, sparkles and shiny things.

