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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, we can hardly believe we are at the end of the summer term. This year has flown by and what an amazing year it has been. We've got lots to tell you as our summer term has been a very busy and fun packed term!

One of the highlights of the term was Sports Week. The children took part in lots of fun activities including boccia, curling, multi-sports and a circus workshop. The circus show we watched before our workshops proved to be the favourite for many of the children due to our very funny entertainer showing off his juggling and plate spinning skills! One of the children's favourite activities was taking part in the curling! They really enjoyed both aiming for the target and knocking other children's stones out of the way! The children loved all the different activities that they were able to try and had a fun week!



The children have really enjoyed our 'growing' topic linked to the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. There has been lots of discussion about what plants need to grow and the best conditions for them. Hopefully their beanstalks are all growing well at home! Another highlight for us has been having our living caterpillars in school. The children have absolutely loved watching the caterpillars grow, build their cocoons and then emerge as butterflies before releasing them.



The children had a fantastic afternoon on Sports Day. They all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the track events and were very proud to show you how well they did. It was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting the children, thank you. The children absolutely loved watching the mums and dad's races! It was great to see them (and you!) being such good sports and cheering each other on.

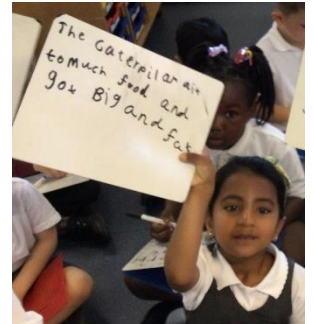




We also had a fantastic 'Languages Week', the children loved learning all about Poland. They enjoyed talks from Mrs Baranowicz and some of the older children in the school all about the country and learnt some of the language. We also had fun learning all about the animals that live in Poland and what the Polish flag looks like. The children had so much fun 'jetting off' during airport day and then loved tasting some yummy Polish food to finish the week.



Alongside all these fun events we've also managed to continue our hard work across all areas of the curriculum. In Literacy sessions we have been writing all about the stories; 'Pirate Adventure', 'Handa's Surprise', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have been so impressed with the children's writing; they have made good use of their phonics and made sure they used finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Some children are also regularly using 'wow' words (adjectives) and conjunctions in their writing and retelling stories remembering so much detail. It's hard to believe they are only Reception children looking at the amazing writing they have produced!



In Maths we've been busy with our adding and subtracting, doubling and halving, shape work and learning about telling the time. During our daily number sessions, we have also been spending lots of time practising our odd and even numbers, number bonds to 10 and applying all of our different maths skills. It's been fantastic to see how much progress the children have made during the year and how much pride they take in their Maths work. All of the children should be very proud of themselves.



It really has been a fantastic year for us all in RHT. We would like to just finish with a couple of thanks. I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking Mrs Baranowicz for all her hard work this year. Her help and support has made such a difference in the excellent progress the children have made this year. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your support and co-operation this year it really does make all the difference. I'm sure you'll all agree that the children have come so far in just a year and are ready for their move up to Year One.

I hope you all have a fantastic well-deserved summer break.

Mrs Thorold