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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this half term. It has been wonderful welcoming staff and pupils back to school and despite the challenging situation we all find ourselves in at the moment, I'm sure you will all agree everyone has settled back into school life really well.

The school is currently organised in PODS at the moment however I can assure you each pod has been extremely busy this half term covering their specific class topic under the school theme of "A long time ago".

- In Pod 1 Mrs Baines class have been exploring traditional tales including the 'Ugly Duckling', as part of this they had their own Living Eggs class kit observing the chicks hatching and looking after them until they could go to new homes. Miss Jordan's class have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which has involved making their own beanstalks from breadsticks in food technology and a class version of the beanstalk. Mr Ridley and Mrs Denton's class have been uses switches to explore an exciting variety of Marvellous Machines including food processors and foot spas.
- In Pod 2 Miss Lucas and Miss Houghton's class have had fun splatting the Sheriff of Nottingham with mud, building their own castles and wooden spoon puppets as part of their work on the tale of 'Robin Hood'. Miss Harrison's class have been exploring Egypt through their book 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. They have made Egyptian necklaces, a giant mummy and Egyptian masks.
- In Pod 3 Miss Hambly's class have made their own bird feeders which has now attracted a wide variety of birds and wildlife to their class outside garden. They have also been immersed into the class spooky sensory story which they have all really enjoyed. The SCERTS class have made their own robots, explored nuts and bolts as well as exploring different types of machines as part of their 'Marvellous Machine' class topic.

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Miss Hook's class have produced some wonderful self portraits as part of their Jigsaw topic "All about me" and have immersed into the world of marvellous machines through their sensory story.

- In Pod 4 our 14-19 learners have been reading "Goodnight Mr Tom" creating their own newspaper articles about World War 2 whilst enjoying a presentation from our local PCSO's about different weapons and equipment from WW2 to present day. They had the opportunity to handle a variety of different weapons and gas masks from this period in history. The students have also been busy planning Freddie's Hull Fair arranging a variety of side stalls including hook a duck, bat the rat and many more which pupils accessed in their pods.

The personalised plans enclosed will provide you with more detail about the specific targets your child is working towards along with some ideas of how you can support their learning at home. Please note that we close for the half term break at the end of school on Friday 23rd October and pupils will return on Tuesday 3rd November.

Have a lovely holiday and stay safe.

Mrs Moorcroft and Mrs Maddison