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Dear Eastway families,

We spoke to the children in assembly this week about Harvest and how it was time to be thankful for everything we have. We will be holding a Harvest festival assembly on Thursday and would really appreciate any donations of non-perishable items, such as tinned or dried food, which we will donate to those in need.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents/carers evening on Wednesday; I hope you found it a useful time to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

Just a reminder that we break up on Thursday 22nd October as Friday is a staff training day.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Benson
Headteacher

Explorers 	This week in Explorers, we have been busy exploring mark making and messy play. The children have enjoyed using a variety of tools and materials to make marks, explore different textures and express their creativity. Through messy play, they have been developing their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and sensory awareness. We have encouraged the children to explore freely, make their own discoveries and learn through hands-on experiences.
Nursery 	Our fingers are getting stronger and stronger. We have had lots of opportunities for fine motor development in our class this week.

Lunar	This week in Lunar, we have continued our Autumn theme and are reading 'Leaf Man'. The children have taken part in designing their own leaf family and exploring painting with vegetables. 
Reception	This week, Reception has been enjoying the much-loved story <i>Room on the Broom</i>. The children have had great fun joining in with the story, exploring rhyming words and developing their understanding of rhyme through playful language and repetition. We have enjoyed retelling the witch's adventure and discovering who might join her on the broom! The children have loved learning our new harvest song, practising the words and actions together as we prepare to celebrate this special time of year. It has been a lovely week of rhymes, numbers and singing!
Apollo	This week we have been reading 'Christopher Pumpkin.' The children especially loved the twist at the end of the story. We have enjoyed making pumpkin faces, pumpkin printing and playing musical instruments to tap out the beat to spooky songs.
Year One	What a fantastic week we have had in Year 1! The children have worked incredibly hard on planning and rewriting their own versions of the story <i>Old Bear</i>. They have shown wonderful creativity, imagination and determination. We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the week! It was also lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. Thank you for taking the time to come in, for your continued support and for being so engaged in your children's learning. It was a pleasure to share their progress and celebrate all the wonderful things they have achieved so far. Well done, Year 1 🌟
Year Two	Year 2 have enjoyed adding and subtracting ones from 2 digit numbers this week in maths. They are trying to get super speedy with their number bonds to 10 and 20 - challenge them at home! They have also learnt about how to stay safe online and the importance of taking breaks from screen time, spending time with family and enjoying time outdoors.
Year Three	Year 3 has had another fantastic week, and I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm, positivity and engagement across all areas of learning! They have been writing beautifully, embracing

	their role as mathematicians and working incredibly hard in their foundation subjects, where their creativity and curiosity have really shone through. It has also been wonderful to see their commitment to practising their times tables and the progress they are making. Most of all, I am so proud of the positive attitudes they bring to school each day. Seeing so many smiling faces, eager to learn and ready to give their best, is a real joy. Well done, Year 3, for another brilliant week!
Year Four	Year 4 has had an amazing week this week, full of fun alongside hard work and determination. In English, we have been gathering ideas and planning our setting narratives - we are so super excited to write our own next week! In maths, we have started adding up to 10000 and shown great determination with this. In history, we interviewed each other as Picts and Scots trying to teach each other some fun facts. We displayed our brilliant historian knowledge with this! In reading we have been reading non-fiction, learning about some cool science experiments. We have been practising our 2 times tables and moving up to our 5s now to master them as well! We are excited for our narratives next week and then our spooky funday on Thursday!
Discovery	Discovery has been learning number bonds to 10 in Maths, acting out a scene from our English story, and describing the objects. In Science, we explored our sense of smell. We also enjoyed picking our own apples and pears from the school orchard! A reminder that next Thursday is the last day before half-term, and children can wear their own clothes.
Year Five	Another fantastic week in Year 5! In Maths, we have finished our work on addition and subtraction, with the children applying their knowledge and skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions. In English, we have begun exploring the differences between formal and informal language. The children have practised writing formal sentences, incorporating technical vocabulary to make their writing more precise and effective. In Science, we have started our new learning on solubility, investigating which materials are soluble and which are insoluble. Well done, Year 5, for another brilliant week of learning!
Year Six	This week, Year 6 have had a very busy week in Maths where we have been learning how to complete long multiplication problems that involve multiplying a 3 digit number to a 2 digit number. In Art, we have been busy creating mood boards to plan our final pieces based on the Pop Art movement. In PE lessons, we have worked on our balancing skills.
Enterprise	This week, the children have begun to learn formal methods of multiplication. Times tables knowledge is crucial for this so please practise as much as possible! In English, we have been using exciting vocabulary to make our writing topic, a fairground, seem enticing and inviting. In PE, the children have been working on their ball skills of dribbling and passing the ball. In History, the class have learned about famous Greeks, such as Archimedes, and were able to link this to their recent visit to Eureka science museum, where they met a robot 'dog' called 'Barkhimedes'.

Every day matters at Eastway!

As you all are aware, attending school every day has a massive impact on children's attainment in school and we are aiming for 96% attendance or above across the school.

Well done to Year 3 who have had 97% attendance this week. Well done on making sure you're in every day; enjoy your extra playtime!

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time, please speak to the office about completing a holiday form. This means that school won't attempt to contact you whilst you are away because staff know where the children are. Informing the class teacher only will not necessarily mean the holiday has been approved.



Water bottles



Please make sure you send your child into school with a water bottle every day. It is very important for them to stay hydrated throughout the day.



Reading Challenge



We kindly remind all pupils and parents about our daily home reading expectations. Please make sure your child reads for 10-15 minutes each day at home. This simple routine helps build strong reading habits and improves comprehension skills. To encourage participation, we are holding a weekly raffle where pupils who complete their daily reading have a chance to win a reading voucher to the value of £10! This is our only regular home learning activity, so your support in making it a regular part of your child's routine is greatly appreciated.



Reading volunteers appeal!

We all know the benefits of reading regularly. We would really like to have more volunteer readers in school to support children who would really benefit from some extra practice. If you could offer a morning or afternoon to become a volunteer reader, please let the school office know and we will get in touch with more details.