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★ THE WIZARD WORLD'S BEGUILING BROADSHEET OF CHOICE ★

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As a different way to celebrate world Book Day this year we had a very different Immersive Learning week all based around the world of Harry Potter inspired by the worldwide best selling children's books of J.K.Rowling. We had an amazing week of incredible learning and experiences including a trip to the Harry Potter Studios, a visit from the Owl Man to see and touch real 'Post Owls' and a dress up day to finish the week as well as lots of wonderful things happening all week in classes across the school. On Friday we had over 200 parents and families in the school to see how it had been transformed for the week.

Year 2, 3 and 4 visited the world of Harry Potter at the Warner Brothers Studios. You could feel the excitement in the air as we approached the car park and all of the staff and children were ready for a day inspired by the works of J.K Rowling. Year 4 started off with a prop and scenery workshop while the rest of the children entered through the Great Hall and saw lots of wonderful sets, props, interactive information, real life graphic and conceptual designers to talk to and costumes that were used in the films. We had the chance to search for Golden Snitches and collect stamps in our very own Hogwarts Passports. The designers we spoke to shared some interesting information and we learnt all about how they made each special wand for the characters. One of our favourite parts was being able to walk up Diagon Alley and see the wonderful assortment of shop fronts. The children were all so enthusiastic and enjoyed learning about what it takes to create such a wonderful representation of a world famous series of books.

In Year 1 they have had lots of fun this week. In Squirrel's they entered the magical world of Quidditch, diving for the golden snitch and shooting for the hoops. We also enjoyed developing our broomstick flying skills! In Hedgehog class we enjoyed making wands out of edible materials and thinking of magic words to say when eating them! We also concocted some interesting potions using a selection of juices. Most of us tried them and imagined what powers they could give us.

It was a Sirius hoot in Owl Class which started by Slytherin through the Harry Potter Studios and then Grainger things started to happen; a Quidditch lesson, potion making and a grande finale of a Tri-Wizard Tournament!

With Miss Priestley, we learnt about the music from the Harry Potter films and how an orchestra can create different effects for different types of scenes and in PHSE we learnt about the friendship between Harry, Ron and Hermione. Year 4 also researched JK Rowling and were inspired by her resilience to publish her books and dedication to charity work

In Year 4 we enjoyed working on lots of Harry Potter related tasks; using measuring of volume and mass skills to make potions and Butter Beer; rewriting parts of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone; researching J.K.Rowling and making information leaflets; and reading 5 chapters of the book together!

Year 3 really enjoyed the extra chance to be creative in the world of Harry Potter. Our favourite things that we did were making potions, creating our own magical beasts and having a 'comfy class reading session'.

In Reception we have been learning all about Julia Donaldson's brilliant book 'Room on the Broom.' The children have loved dressing up in the outdoor area and taking on the role of witches and wizards to measure and make their own potions using the outdoor water and tuff tray. Sachi commented: "My potion has frogs, logs, worms, rabbits and sparkles in it. Ziggety, Zaggety, Zoom turn it into a broom and let's go to Disneyland!" We have also enjoyed making edible witches hats using melted dark chocolate, ice cream cones, biscuits and sparkles to decorate. Children have been creating their own story maps to retell events in the story and wrote fantastic sentences about the real Owls they met in the Great Hall.

We were overwhelmed on Friday with your lovely feedback. We also received several messages like this one which makes it all worthwhile – THANK YOU!
'Thank you to you all for your hard work during Harry Potter week. It's obvious how much time you spent planning and preparing for it. The way in which the school was decorated was just fabulous, providing a wonderfully stimulating learning environment and the lessons enjoyed sound fantastic. I'm so proud that we attend such a passionate, motivating, inspiring and dynamic school. You're all fantastic!'