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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you enjoyed a lovely time together with your families over the festive period. It was wonderful to welcome all our lovely children back to school. They were so enthusiastic and buzzed with tales of what they had done in the holidays.

Reception

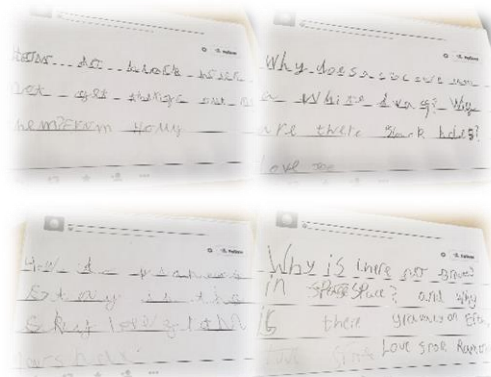
Every Year Group has a new topic this term. In Reception, the topic for the term is Journeys and the theme this week was 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We've used BeeBots on a Bear Hunt map to plan routes and program BeeBots and have written news and drawn story maps to represent the Bear Hunt Story.

Year 1

Our topic this term is Space. We are SO excited about this topic and have SO many questions we'd like to be answered and have sent to Tim Peake including:

- How big is Space?
- How do Black Holes not get things out of them?
- Why does a star turn into a White Dwarf?
- Why is there no gravity in Space and why is there gravity on Earth?
- How do planets stay in the sky?

We've started to explore different fiction and non-fiction books about space and completed a Big Write lesson. In Art we viewed stars in the night sky and explored the Earth's Continents from space in Geography.



Year 2

We started our topic about Chocolate by finding out what we already know and what we'd like to know. We've started to learn about Performance Poetry and have been studying the poem 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. We're going to learn how to recite it off by heart and after paying particular attention to how he reads and presents the poem. We'll be learning to estimate by making sensible guesses and will be estimating and recording using a range of different measures.

Year 3

We are so excited about starting our Stone Age topic this term! We've tried to get our heads around just how long ago the Stone Age was by putting Key Dates in chronological order. In Art we will be looking at how people at the time used charcoal to create hand images. In English we couldn't wait to start reading the book 'Stone Age Boy' and have been developing empathy for the main characters. In Science we will be finding out how our muscles help us to move and naming the key muscles in the body.

Year 4

Our topic this term is Romans and we loved dressing up as Romans on Wednesday and taking part in different workshop activities. These included using wax tablets in a Latin lesson, taking part in a Numismatics (study of coins) competition, using curse tablets, making Roman Pottery and taking part in a Gladiator game.



Year 5

How's this for a topic - 'To Infinity and Beyond!'. We started the week (and term) using Wallace and Gromit's 'A Grand Day Out' to inspire us to do a Big Write. We will be working on our writing skills every morning focussing in particular on when sentences have finished. In Science we will be thinking about what gravity is and how it acts on the Earth (and us). In French we'll continue with our work on Food and Drink and in Art we'll be looking at the work of Peter Thorpe - a really interesting artist who creates spectacular Science Fiction. We'll be developing our Netball skills in one of our PE lessons with Mrs Edwards every Tuesday and are excited about the prospect of playing in our first High Five Tournament at the end of this month.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mr James Rose who has joined the Heights Team as a Teaching Assistant. I am sure you will make him very welcome too.

Modeshift Stars Award

We are very proud to be awarded 'Reading STARS Primary School of the Year' from Modeshift Stars. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our efforts in sustainable travel to and from school.

Headteacher Awards

3KF - Abigail, Jessica, Theo and Baylen

3SW - Freddie and Chloe

4CT - Sienna, Jonah, Emily and Samuel

4RR - Dani, Alyssia, Joshua and Umar

5JG - Freya, Aarna, Jayden and Sebastian

Spotlight

Music

Scarlett (Year 4) for passing Grade 1 Violin with distinction.

Gymnastics

Piper (Year 3) for Gymfinity Star of the Week for cartwheels on the beam.

Scarlett (Year 4) for earning Level 3 in Gymnastics.

Skiing

Abigail B (Year 3) for completing Level Ourson (beginners) at Ski school.

Well done everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Start of Term 3	Monday 7 th January 2019
Swimming Lessons - Year 3 & 4	Start Friday 11 th January 2019
Parent Class Rep Meeting	Tuesday 15 th January at 9am
Year 3 Violin Concert	Wednesday 23 rd January at 9.15am
Year 1 Chocolate Workshop	Monday 28 th January 2019
Year 4 Visit to Fishbourne Palace	Wednesday 6 th March 2019
Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust	Thursday 14 th March 2019



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