



Dear Parents and Carers,

After a fabulous week at Skern Lodge with Year 6, it was great to be back in school with all the other children and staff this week. They were all really excited to hear about the adventures of the Year 6's and see the photos in the KS1 and KS2 assemblies and our current Year 5's are so excited about their planned trip next year that they're almost ready to pack their bags now!

Reception

We have been spending time focusing on autumn and Harvest throughout the school and in Reception this included the children learning and acting out the story of The Little Red Hen. They also made their own gluten-free bread and cut up vegetables and made their own soup. The children have learnt different phonemes (g, o, c and k) and have been learning to write, count and represent the numbers 0-5.



Year 1

This week we've continued to develop our sentence writing and handwriting skills and used all of these in our Big Write sessions, with a theme of 'Fire'. In Maths, we've been learning to use length and weight measuring items around the classroom to help us measure and weigh different things. In D&T we've started to design out wooden Tudor houses and planning what we may need to build them. In Science we have been weather investigators and have been finding out how clouds are made and why rain falls using water and cotton wool.

Year 2

We have continued to enjoy The Paper Bag Princess story by Robert Munsch and this week we worked together on a class version before we made changes to our story from last week. In Maths, we've focused on addition and subtraction and have used our skills to draw pictures to solve addition problems. In PE our lessons we've enjoyed some Yoga and in Topic, we've looked at castles in the United Kingdom and are really looking forward to visiting Windsor Castle after half term.

Year 3

This week we loved writing letters to a pharaoh who woke up in the present day in a museum and communicated to us by letter. Thanks to Kit's Mum for helping make this happen as a result of her job at the Ministry of Stories. In Maths, we have been using expanded subtraction as a formal written method and positioned numbers in order to subtract them. In Topic, we have been learning about what the Ancient Egyptians wore and why. We are really excited about designing our own item of Egyptian clothing.



Year 4

This week, we've been editing and writing the final drafts of our persuasive letters and are looking forward to sending a couple of the best ones to the two ministers, Theresa Villiers and Rebecca Paw who we chose to write to. In Maths we've been revising and practising compact addition and subtraction, by adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. In History we have been investigating photos and art of Mayan artefacts and asking questions about them. We've also researched Maya Glyphs and the interesting meanings behind them.



Year 5

Mrs Thomas and Miss Reynolds said they are really pleased with the quality of our 'Beowulf' stories and are looking forward to publishing and displaying them around school. We've also been reading Kennings poems this week and identifying their features. In Maths we've continued our work on fractions and multiplying fractions by whole numbers. We've been using concrete apparatus, diagrams and written methods to help us. We really enjoyed developing our understanding of primary and secondary sources in relation to historical evidence and using this knowledge to help us answer questions about artefacts.

Year 6

It was both challenging and exciting to return to school after our week away at Skern Lodge. We missed being at the Residential Centre but have enjoyed sharing all our wonderful experiences with our families, friends and younger children in school. This week we wrote persuasive adverts for Skern Lodge, using emotive language, rhetorical questions and exaggeration to 'sell' the week to future Year 6 classes. In Maths we've been focusing on fractions, learning to identify, simplify, compare, order, add and subtract them. In IT we've been

planning an online safety lesson for younger children and hope to share these with children in Key Stage 1 in the near future. We're really enjoying our Guitar lessons and are hoping we can have some Netball matches with St Anne's and Thameside pupils over the coming weeks.

Heights SEND Support Group

The Heights SEND Support Group is having our next monthly Coffee meet up next Friday 25th October at 9:00 at Alto Lounge. The group is a friendly, welcoming support network, made up of Heights families of children with SEN, educational, emotional, physical or behavioural additional needs. Indeed, anything that makes it a struggle for them to come to school. Our group's aim is to bring together these families for regular social meetings (with coffee and cakes!) to chat, moan, laugh and cry(!) and help support them through their children's time at The Heights. We plan to meet the last Friday of every month in Caversham. We will post details of these events on this Facebook group, and via Highlights. Anyone is welcome to join the Facebook group [here](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 5 Football Festival at Emmer Green Primary School	Tuesday 22 nd October (am)
Tempest - Individual School Photos	Wednesday 23 rd October
Half-Term	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum, London	Wednesday 6 th November
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 5 th November 3.50-6.30pm Thursday 7 th November 6.00-8.30pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 9 th November 10am
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Thursday 14 th November
PTFA Quiz Night at Hemdean House	Friday 15 th November, 7.30pm
Junior Music Festival at the Hexagon - Choir	Tuesday 19 th November
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 th November 12-2.30pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 7 th December 10am
Panto - Whole School Visit to see Cinderella at the Hexagon	Thursday 12 th December (morning)
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December 1.30pm



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