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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fabulous week in so many ways and are excited we can share this with you in our weekly newsletter.

We are delighted to have recruited an Emotional Well-Being Practitioner who will join our staffing team after half-term. Emma Roberts is a qualified Play Therapist who has extensive experience working with children with a range of needs. We are looking forward to introducing her to pupils and parents over the coming weeks.

## Reception

In Reception this week our theme has been 'Lost and Found'. We have learned to recall the story and have enjoyed creating our own poster for a lost animal. In Maths, we have been learning about weight, using vocabulary like heavier, lighter, heaviest and lightest. We enjoyed welcoming you today at our 'Meet the Teacher' event and hope you enjoyed finding out about what we've been learning.

## Year 1

We've been completing Reading, SPAG and Phonics assessments this week and have also used our own class book 'Cakes in Space' to inspire us to write our own space adventure story. In Maths, we've been completing space calculations, which include applying the different division and multiplication techniques we've been learning over the past few weeks. We've also been designing our own Space poster and learning to paint daffodils using watercolours in Art.

## Year 2

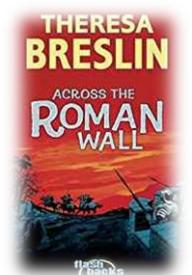
In English this week we've completed assessments in Reading, SPAG and Writing and our writing has been a draft from the 500 word competition which we will bring home for you to enter if we wish. In Maths, we've had more assessments in Reasoning and Arithmetic and have recapped place value and fractions. We have been talking about Dreams and Goals and in Science we have assessed our learning on Microbes and animal babies.

## Year 3

In English, we've been focussing on our reading comprehension skills, reading both fiction and non-fiction texts. In Maths, we've been developing our knowledge about money and using this to solve different problems. We've been looking at the transition from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age and have enjoyed creating a fact file. In Science, we've been sorting rocks by their properties and are loving our 'Rock Detectives' topic.

## Year 4

This week in Science, we've finished our Sound topic with an investigation on how to muffle a sound. In English, we've delved deeper into Theresa Breslin's 'Across the Roman Wall' and used it as inspiration for our Writing. We moved on from fractions this week and have been investigating the effect of dividing a one or two digit number by 10 and 100, revisiting writing decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths. Thank you to the parents in 4JG who came to the 'French Experience' on Monday. The children really enjoyed practising their French with you.



## Year 5

We have been drafting our 'Space' poems this week, independently and in groups. We really enjoyed editing and deciding how we wish to publish our poems. In Maths, we've continued to learn about shape and have been exploring ways to calculate missing angles on a straight line, recognising that the degrees must add up to 180. In Science, we've had fun using Scientific vocabulary to explain day and night using the earth's rotation and the apparent movement of the sun against the sky.

ALESSANDRO VOLTA



## Year 6

In English, we've been writing a biography of Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the battery and the man after whom the unit of measurement the volt is named. In Maths, we've continued our work on transformation, looking at enlargements, learning about what a scale factor is and how to both enlarge and shrink shapes accurately.

## Year 6 Netball Festival

Congratulations to the Year 6's who took part in a Netball Festival on Wednesday hosted by Highdown. Mother Nature for once was very kind, giving the children taking part a cool but dry and sunny morning. Emmer Green kindly donated height adjustable netball posts which allowed the children to have 3 courts with 9 foot posts, and 1 court with 10 foot posts. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and once again showed true sportsmanship and were a credit to our school. Thank you to Chris Ellison and his team for organising and supporting, along with Mrs Fraser and Miss Facondini.



## Cake Sale

We would like to thank you, especially parents of children involved in the Eco Council for all your help and support with providing cakes and crafts and for your help with running the sale that took place last Friday after school. The craft sales raised just over £59, and cake sales raised just over £168 making an **amazing total of over £227** which will go towards helping some of the suffering animals in the recent Australian bush fires. Thank you once again for your support.

## Travel Plan

Thank you for taking the time to complete the recent Travel Survey which is vital for our planning permission whilst we remain on the temporary site and also crucial evidence as we work with Reading Borough Council on our sustainable travel plans for the permanent site. The input will also help us towards attaining our Gold Modeshift STARS award.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Reception 'Meet the Teacher' Session	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.00pm
School Disco at St Andrew's Church Hall (Details to follow)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 Y1&2 - 5.00-6.00pm Y3&Y4 - 6.15-7.15pm Y5&Y6 - 7.30-8.30pm
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
<b>Start of Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
Book Fayre	25 <sup>th</sup> February - 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020
Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Year 1 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 (Times to be confirmed)
Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Living Eggs	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
Reception Eye Tests	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Year 3 Trip to the Earth Trust	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
Year 5 Information Workshop re: Year 6 & SATS	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 7pm

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