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HECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, and Fellow Bears,

We have had another fabulous week with the children, made possible not only by the pupils and our staff but by all the parent volunteers we've needed to call on to cover staff absence. HUGE thanks to those of you who have been able to give up your time to help. We hope you've found it as rewarding as we all do.

Mrs Edwards said the highlight of her week was when she wheelbarrowed and shovelled new sand into the sandpits with the help of 15 super excited and enthusiastic Reception children. They were holding onto the side of the wheelbarrow and shovelling sand into the sandpit with their toy spades. What a great team effort!



Mrs Edwards also wanted me to thank Andrew Rogers, Dan Packer Mrs Harrison and Jerry for all their time erecting the fabulous car ports which you may have seen on our newly gravelled area. They are giving much needed shelter when the children are having lessons and lunch outside. Andrew, special thanks to you for coming back into school last Saturday morning to help put the legs in and peg out the car port. Whilst Mrs Edwards said it would have been a perfect height for her and the Reception children without the legs, clearly this wouldn't have been right for most of the rest of the school!

This week, the children have been excited to start this term's topics.



In Reception, they have begun with a focus on 'All About Me', which will be followed by 'Harvest'. Year 1 will focus on 'The Great Fire of London' which will involve the children learning about the



Great Fire of London including using a variety of media to create silhouettes of buildings, portraits of the Great Fire, making a Tudor House out of wood and recreating Pudding Lane. Year 1 also had a super outdoor lesson learning about Autumn and experiencing the sounds, sights and smells of Autumn, they even watched an air ambulance helicopter land in Kings Meadow. The best signs of Autumn, though, were helicopter seeds! This is Year 1 feeling and playing with the wind using streamers. In Year 2, their topic is 'Castles and Dragons and in Year 3 it's

'Fantastic Pharaohs'. Year 4 will be learning about 'Under the Canopy', developing their map skills, learning about living things, making dinosaurs, collaborating to make a musical piece and writing letters to the Government with ideas for changes that people can make to help preserve the rainforest. In addition to this they will be taking part in a 2-day outdoor adventure trip to Longridge next week with their Classteacher, TA's and Mrs Edwards. Mrs Edwards has promised to take me this year and a promise is a promise...!!! Year 5's



topic is 'Invasion', which will look at life in Britain after the Romans left, until 1066 and the Battle of Hastings. Mrs Edwards was with 5RA on Tuesday afternoon and said she got really carried away in the lesson as History and Politics is what she studied when she was at University. Finally, Year 6 have started to learn about 'The First World War', which will give the children many exciting opportunities to explore some of our country's more modern history.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us celebrate and support the Charity 'Jeans 4 Genes'. Year 6 and 5RA will be supporting this next Tuesday as they have PE today and had to come into school in their PE Kit.

Thank you also to the KOOSA Kids staff for making the children feel so happy and welcome at their club sessions.



Finally, congratulations to Miss Keenan who gave birth to a bouncing baby boy this week, welcome to Oisin Macguire, weighing 8lbs and 3oz - Mum and baby are doing well.

Lots of bearhugs,
Hector

