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HECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, and Fellow Bears,

Mrs Edwards has said she can't believe it's October already and is so pleased we've been able to remain open as a school over this past month. She also said 'Long may it continue!' I agree as I'm having SO much fun getting to know all the new Reception children.

Reception

In Reception this week, we've amazed ourselves with learning the phonemes 's', 'a', 't' and 'p'. We also have been focussing on the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and were SO excited to meet some real hens. Thank you to Mrs Lowe for bringing them into school. We've been counting all sorts of things, out loud and using rhymes and have been matching and sorting numbers. We really enjoyed going on an Autumn walk and collecting leaves for some art work.



Year 1

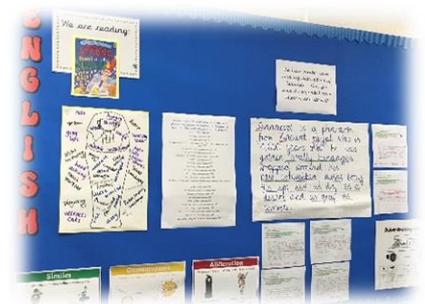
Year 1 have been focussing on their sentence writing and letter formation this week and have enjoyed developing it by including describing words to talk about the Great Fire and How the Fox Stole Fire. The children have also drawn views from Samuel Pepy's windoe, thinking about what they may see, heard, smelled and felt.

Year 2

The children have been inspired by their Castles and Dragons topic and the book they've been sharing 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris. They have been thinking about what their own dragon might be like and have even started to sketch them. They've been investigating living things and their habitats in Science and developing their place value knowledge in Maths.

Year 3

This term's theme of Fantastic Pharaohs has already gripped the children and they are thoroughly enjoying their class book 'There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath'. In topic, the children have been learning about why the River Nile is so important focussing on the Seasons, flooding, growing and harvesting. The children really enjoyed Cressida Cowell's talk on Monday.



Year 4

We've been learning about the layers of a tropical rainforest using the Chromebooks and loved completing our salt dough models of South America. We've worked hard on our recounts of our trip to Longridge and are really pleased with our use of fronted adverbials.

Year 5

This week, we've continued to read the first story in the Beowulf book and have been working collaboratively to produce a live news TV report on the Grendel murders. In Science, we've been assisting the organisers of camp Bestival by investigating which paper will make a good bag for greasy food. We're enjoying learning about the history of rock and pop in Music and studying Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer'.

Year 6

We have really enjoyed writing our own Autobiographies this week, chronicling our action packed lives. We're loving reading Private Peaceful as a class and exploring the events that led up to Britain joining the First World War, analysing primary sources such as newspaper articles and letters. In Computing, we're looking forward to completing a digital scavenger hunt and we used different techniques to draw some self-portraits.



Travel Plan Working Party - Virtual Meeting

Our first Travel Plan Working Party meeting of this term will be on Wednesday 14th October at 9am. Thanks in advance for all those people who have agreed to be a part of this working party. We have also signed up for to the Living Streets WOW Initiative supporting sustainable travel to and from school. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school, for all or part of the journey at least once a week from next week. Reading has a 'Clean Air Day' on Thursday 8th October so it would be great if children could support this and walk, cycle or scoot on this day.

Parent Class Reps

Many thanks to all the Parent Class Reps for your time and support yesterday at our first meeting of the year.

Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Moukthika and her family who have joined the Heights Community in Year 1.

Dates for the Diary

WOW Initiative - Walk/Scoot/Cycle to School	All week
Key Stage 1 Welcome Meeting for Parents (Y1 & 2)	Tuesday 6 th October 6-7pm
Lower Key Stage 2 Welcome Meeting for Parents (Y3 & 4)	Wednesday 7 th October 6-7pm
Clear Air Day	Thursday 8 th October
Reception Welcome Meeting for Parents	Tuesday 13 th October 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Half Term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October
Term 2 Starts	Monday 2 nd November
Individual/Siblings School Photographs (Tempest)	Provisional date of 4 th November (TBC)
Children in Need Week & Reading Climate Week	Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th November
Parent Consultations	Thursday 12 th November 4.40pm - 7.30pm
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	Friday 13 th November
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 18 th November 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Flu Immunisations	Thursday 3 rd December
Panto Production in School - Wizard of Oz	Thursday 10 th December
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Last Day of Term	Friday 18 th December

Lots of bearhugs,
Hector

