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# HECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS



Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence for Bears

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, and Fellow Bears,

I can't tell you how thrilled we all are to have celebrated a full short term with all classes and year groups in school. Thank you so much for all your support in helping us achieve this.

We have been celebrating Diversity this month, including Black History and learning about inspirational people of colour including the artist Alma Woodsey Thomas.



Year 2 art inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas

## Reception

This week our focus has been on winter festivals and The Gingerbread Man. As well as our phonics, we've been looking at 2D shapes and building patterns in Maths and loved melting marshmallows on sticks and turning them over a fire in our fire pit. We've made paper plate hedgehogs and made and painted fireworks using junk modelling. Haven't we been busy?!

## Year 1

In English, we've been learning the traditional tale, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and explored retelling the story through a story map. We've also looked at how we can use adjectives and nouns to make the story even more interesting. In maths, we've been focussing on fractions using vocabulary such as equal and fair. We've been weather reporters in Science this week and created our own weather diary. We've also started to learn about materials and their properties. We particularly enjoyed learning to sign and sign a song recalling the Great Fire of London.

## Year 2

We have really enjoyed learning about inspirational people of colour who have had an impact and influenced our 'Black History' and the world in general. This includes Ruby Bridges who was the first black child to attend an all-white school in a segregated area of the United States in 1960 and Alma Woodsey Thomas, the African American expressionist. We've enjoyed looking at Peter Reynold's book 'Say Something' which encourages children to use their voices to say what is in their hearts. We've been investigating how to 'Say Something' through drama, music, art, writing and creativity.



## Year 3

We're really pleased with our published diary entries and proud to see them displayed in the corridor outside our classrooms. We really enjoyed making the Egyptian necklaces we designed last week using all sorts of different collage materials.



## Year 4

Boy, hasn't it been a busy week?! We have been completing Assessments on Reading, Place Value, and a Big Write. In Science, we've been working on branching databases, considering variation and similarities between living things. We've compared different types of forest in our topic and geography lessons and have looked at human and physical geography, finding similarities and differences.

## Year 5

This week we've been reading Story 2 from the Beowulf Story: Beowulf and the Sea Hag. We've written newspaper articles on the Viking Raids at Lindisfarne and have moved onto multiplying fractions in our Maths lessons. In our Science session we really enjoyed investigating which substances dissolve in water.

## Year 6

In our English lessons, we've been exploring and creating fact files about the lives of Black Writers, Scientists, athletes and many others. We've learnt about root words and how we can use them to identify meaning when paired with prefixes and suffixes. In Topic, we explored the contributions of the various member nations of the British Empire during the First World War, looking into how they integrated into the armed forces and impacted the war effort.



### Farewell

We would like to take the opportunity to wish the King-Gomez family all the very best on their new adventure as they move to Canada in the next few days. Thank you to Natalia for supporting the children at lunchtime and please keep in touch - we would love to hear your news! We will miss you all.

## Dates for the Diary

Term 2 Starts	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Individual/Siblings School Photographs (Tempest)	Provisional date of 4 <sup>th</sup> November (TBC)
Children in Need Week & Reading Climate Week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Parent Consultations - 2DK ONLY	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 4.40pm - 7.30pm
Parent Consultations - All Classes EXCEPT 2DK	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 4.40pm - 7.30pm
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Parent Consultations - All Classes	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Flu Immunisations	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Panto Production in School - Wizard of Oz	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Panto Production in School - Wizard of Oz	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

Lots of bearhugs,  
Hector

