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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we're at the end of March already and that the clocks are going forwards this weekend. I do love the longer summer evenings. Now all we need is some more sunshine!

The children throughout the school have really enjoyed visiting and watching the chicks grow over the past week. It is quite staggering how quickly they lose their 'fluff' and how their feathers develop. Thank you to Mrs Loveday and Katie Freeman who will be taking on the chicks and giving them all a home.



## Reception

In Reception this week, we've actually been doing what Mrs Edwards said we did last week! She read the wrong Parent Planner and travelled forwards a week in time. Silly her. Our week has all been linked to Jack and the Beanstalk and growing. We've planted our own sunflower seeds, ordered 'Magic Beans' from 1-20 and story-mapped the order of the story. We've really enjoyed our Yoga and PE lessons and Funky Feet Friday is one of our favourite sessions.



## Year 1

We're really enjoying looking after our herbs and recording our observations in our Herb Diaries. We also had fun designing our own plant and seed packet. We've completed some different assessments this week and are really proud of how much we can still remember to do in solving Maths problems and using our Phonics, Spelling and Grammar in our writing.

## Year 2

Well, this week we've been the ones planning lessons! We've worked hard to make Google Slides, paper resources, information videos and various other resources to help our target audience achieve their learning outcome. We've completed our unit on measurement in Maths and have been learning about the Easter Story in RE. In Science, we had fun measuring potions for the Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine.



### Year 3

We are really proud of the independent writing we completed this week - and so are our teachers! We're enjoying learning about the Beaker People from the Iron Age and created our own clay pots using different patterns inspired by them. We've been introduced to the expanded method for multiplication in Maths and love our Hockey lessons at Christchurch Meadows with Performance Sports. In French, we have learnt all about the different colours.



### Year 4

Our stop motion projects in Computing have been brilliant. We really enjoyed the opportunity and challenge to create and complete them! English has also been fun where we've started to write our suspense stories. We used a range of sentence lengths, describing the unknown and letting the setting (including the weather) create tension. In Science, we've been making switches and assessing the effectiveness of different designs and in Music, we've been using a variety of instruments to create film scores. We have been SO creative this week!



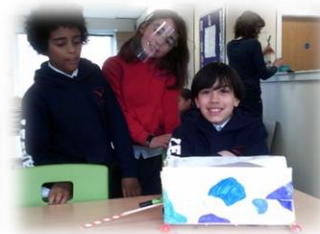
### Year 5

We've spent time completing different assessments on Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Maths and Mrs Thomas and Mr Alcivar said they are really pleased with the progress we've made this term. In our studies on Mountains, we've learnt about different climates and the risks associated with them. We finished our study of statistics in Maths and delighted Mrs Thomas with our compositions based on a 'Space' or 'Lockdown' theme and inspired by Frank Sinatra's 'Fly Me to the Moon'. Xav was on the drums, Barney on the keyboard and Jack on the guitar. Wow!



### Year 6

This week was amazing! We converted our scripts and plans into real life TV adverts and used multimedia video editing software to create them. We acted them out, filmed and edited them in groups and loved the whole experience of manipulating video footage and adding audio to our work. In our North American topic, we've been looking at grasslands and deserts of the USA and Mexico, and analysed the factors that led to such environments existing across the continent. In DT, we had a day creating moving tanks that utilised our understanding of electrical circuits with switches and motors. Here are some of 6MR's awesome efforts!



### Assemblies

I really enjoyed leading my assemblies this week for both KS1 and KS2 and which were based on 'Diversity'. During next week's assembly, Mrs Fallon will focus on 'Neurodiversity' and the whole school will be celebrating National Autism Awareness Week.

### Dates for the diary

Year 2 Chocolate Workshop	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4 Virtual Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (no early finish)</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Start of Term 5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
World Book Day/Pyjama Day (Dress Up)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 Bikeability	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June to Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> April and Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June to Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5 Greek Dressing Up Day	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Class Photos	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Whole School Photo (new site)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Year 5 Bikeability (details TBC)	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> June to Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> June and Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Year 6 to Skern Lodge (Covid permitting)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July

Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful weekend.

Mrs Edwards