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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

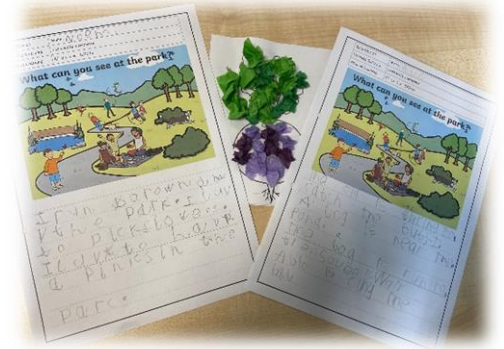
We understand that the news you all received yesterday was really disappointing so would like to focus on and celebrate all the amazing things the children have been doing this week in Highlights.

Huge thanks to Dawn Rosser and Gary Morgan for leading two more Bikeability Level 3 courses for our Year 6's this week. The children have loved and gained so much from the experience and Hector was very keen to join in! They are all now much more proficient riders in so many ways. The Year 5's are really looking forward to their Level 2 course in June.



## Reception

This week, we've started to learn the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and created actions to go with it which we performed to each other. We've been counting one more and one less using the story and we're going to be making paper turnip collages which sound like so much fun! We've come on SO much in our Phonics that Mrs Bentley and Mrs Wicks are sending home some Phase 4 Phonics for us to learn. We're really enjoying our PE games with Mr Ellison on St Anne's Field and our new outdoor junk modelling area. Mrs Edwards found it really fun when Brody asked if he could buy her. When she asked how much for, he said £10.



## Year 1

You won't believe what was delivered to the school for our Year Group on Wednesday! It was a huge box, and when we saw it on the artificial turf it had long scratch marks on it, a stamp from South Africa and there were roaring sounds coming from it! Mrs Powell ran to get Mrs Edwards who looked pretty scared and would let us open it in case something leaped out! It was such an amazing experience that we wrote some really descriptive recounts. We used different measuring tools to measure things around the classroom in Maths and in Science we've recapped our understanding of the 4 seasons and how things change throughout the year.



## Year 2

We started the week by finishing the filming of our recycling videos and then moved on to reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. We used Stanley to inspire us to write letters to the Environmental Minister asking him to consider buying more sea bins to help take more plastic from our oceans. In Maths, we've moved on to subtracting 2-digit numbers (using an empty number line) and investigated this practically by going outside

and drawing our calculation using chalk and physically jumping back the tens and hopping back the ones. In Computing, we've been programming 2D shapes using Logo Turtles and in Science, we've been thinking about what plants need to survive.

### **Year 3**

This week in English, we've been reading 'Iggy Peck, Architect' which links really well with our 'Superstructures' topic. We've enjoyed using Google Earth to locate 'Superstructures' around the world. We then used atlases to locate them on a map. In Maths, we've continued our focus on division and picked up the 'bus stop' method really quickly! We had our first violin lesson this week and loved it!

### **Year 4**

We've been budding journalists this week, interviewing Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon about the permanent site so that we can write newspaper articles about it. We were delighted when Councillor Isobel Ballsdon visited us today and learned so much about the Mapledurham Ward when we asked her different questions. We've started work on Fractions in Maths and completed an assessment in Science to demonstrate our learning from our Electricity unit.



### **Year 5**

After our fun-packed first week of our Ancient Greek topic, we were inspired to write brochures persuading people to visit Greece. In Maths, we're returning to some topics we covered previously, to consolidate our learning and deepen our knowledge and understanding. This week it was fractions. In Science, we've been investigating and recording how the length of a baby changes over time as part of our topic on 'Animals Including Humans' and in RE we had some great discussions about commitment.

### **Year 6**

In our 'Digital Revolution' topic work this week, we've been focussing on the computer chip - its invention and evolution. We've looked at different ways in which computer chips are used and how it's changed over the last 60 years. In English, we've been creating a piece of descriptive narrative writing that explores the genre of Science Fiction. We've been envisaging and describing a world that is impacted by the effect of Climate Change and Global Warming and at the same time, explored the themes of sustainability and an apocalyptic or dystopian existence. Computing has been really interesting as we've continued our theme of video and film, focussing on the skills required to create animation and explore the processes entailed in stop frame animation. In Science, we've continued to look at circuits, including the international standard circuit diagrams and in Art, we've been looking at the distinctive and indigenous art called Madhubani from the Mithilia region of North West India.

### **Baby News**

We would like to share a staff baby picture with you! From left to right: Baby Mullaney (Aiden), Baby Giacomelli (Ezra) and Baby Hiles (Maggie)!



### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to those parents who have completed the Parent Survey that we sent out this week. The survey contains questions that are based on those typically asked by Ofsted and will be used to gain an understanding of your thoughts about the Heights. If you haven't already completed the survey, we would very much appreciate you doing so. Thank you in advance.

**Reminder - This weekend is a long one, with a Bank Holiday on Monday. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Dates for the diary**

May Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Heights & Weights - Reception & Year 6	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
World Book Day/Pyjama Day (Dress Up)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Vision Screening - Reception	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May and Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Class Photos	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Extra Ordinary INSET DAYS CANCELLED</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June &amp; Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Start of Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Year 4 Visit to Oxford Story Museum	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June (Details to follow)
Year 3 Lego Superstructures Workshop	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (Details to follow)
Whole School Photo	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	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July to Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

**Sports Days** - We are currently looking at getting two dates into the diary for Sports Day, one for KS1 and one for KS2. Details to follow once dates are confirmed.

Have a lovely long weekend.

Mrs Edwards