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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another school term has sped by... we've only got one more week until half term. Let's hope the weather picks up by then because the wind, rain and hail have been pretty fierce this week.

We're looking forward to supporting the Great British Spring Clean next week and the children are very excited about the prospect of going out and litter picking in different areas. Hector is still wearing his dress from last week and is all ready to go litter picking in it.



## Reception

This week, we've been continuing to learn and revise sounds and spellings in our different groups. As part of our healthy living topic we've been looking closely at celery and discovering how a plant drinks water. We also discussed why it is important to humans, plants and animals to drink water. We've really enjoyed drawing fruit and painting vegetables and had fun learning about Arcimboldo, discussing his vegetable paintings of faces and then having a go ourselves. We've been sharing different objects in Maths and did some activities outside with a timer, to help us understand what a minute is.

## Year 1

We've been sharing and reading all sorts of different animal themed poetry this week. We discussed their forms, rhymes and rhythms and then attempted to perform some verses and create our own. We practised counting in 25s, 10s and 5s and then used this knowledge when we became 'vets' and made a Magical Medicinal Elixir. Using our capacity measuring skills to read the scales and measure Special Syrup and Nourishing Nectar we made marvellous medicine for our lioness at the zoo. We read scales, skip counted and measured the correct amounts. In Music, we looked at and are learning an animal themed rap song and in Science, we've been learning about different types of animals such as reptiles, mammals and amphibians and how these differ from each other.



## Year 2

Ahoy me hearties! We've been embracing all things pirate including about Sea Shanties and how they were used in Maritime history. We've started learning our own version of 'The Wellerman' ready to perform in our assembly next week. We enjoyed programming using Logo and looking at 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' art which has helped inspire us to create our own.

### Year 3

Following writing our newspaper reports last week, we've spent time editing, improving and publishing them. Mrs Edwards said she's really enjoyed reading them. We've been revising mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction and used these to solve problems at the end of this week. We've been presenting our research findings about our chosen superstructure in Computing and started to create our print templates out of polystyrene sheets.

### Year 4

This week, we've been learning about the history of Caversham. We really enjoyed looking at photos showing how Caversham has changed over the last 100 years and then generated and researched questions. It's been so interesting! In English, we've been learning about rhyme and meter in poetry and had fun applying this to different structures and types of poems such as clerihew and blackout poems. And in Maths, we've focussed on numbers with two decimal places and counting on and backwards in tenths and hundreds.



### Year 5

Our Greek myths are really coming along and we've been looking at ways to edit and up-level our writing of them. We can't wait to share our work. In Maths, we consolidated our learning of fractions, decimals and percentages and then moved on to adding and subtracting decimals. In Science, we've been looking at how humans grow and develop as they age and empathising with how these changes may make older people feel. We had some great discussions about how commitment is shown through marriage ceremonies and that marriage can be a religious or non-religious ceremony.

### Year 6

We started the week with creating short, but effective poetry and then planned to perfect our skills in presenting a balanced argument. It was our 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt at writing in this genre of non-fiction and we have tried to utilise all that we have learnt in presenting balanced arguments in the past. In Maths, we've been consolidating the estimation, calculation and conversion of metric measures and as part of our study of the Digital Revolution we looked at the history and evolution of the internet and the world wide web including the inspiration behind key figures like Tim Berners-Lee. In Art, we've continued to create abstract paintings inspired by contemporary aboriginal artists and have added dotted details in contrasting colours to them.

### Walk to School Week

Thank you all so much for helping us to support Walk to School Week. Every sustainable trip makes a difference and the children have been really keen to support our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. Many thanks also to the Year 6 pupils who spent time before and during the school day to survey pupils and staff about their journeys to and from school.

### Class Photos

Tempest Photography will be back in school on Thursday next week (27<sup>th</sup> May) to take class photos. All equipment and benches will be sanitised between classes to ensure Covid safety. **If your child is due to have PE next Thursday or participate in a sports club after school, please can we ask that as a one-off, children wear uniform to school and bring PE kit in a bag to change into after lunch.**

## Dates for the diary

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>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
Year 3 Lego Superstructures Workshop	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Whole School Photo	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Year 1 - Owen's Animals and Virtual Zoo come to school	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June (details to follow)
Year 5 Bikeability	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 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day - Reception & Key Stage 1	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July (morning)
Sports Day - Key Stage 2	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (morning)
Year 6 to Skern Lodge	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July to Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards