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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all managed to have some fabulous, quality time together over half term and I have really enjoyed listening to the children's stories and anecdotes about their time during their holiday. It was wonderful to welcome everyone back after half-term and boy have we made the most of the week and the weather!



## Reception

Our topic this week has been The Three Little Pigs. We've been reading the story together and learning the actions to remember the words in the correct sequence. We've been builders and architects, using bricks inside and outside to make houses and completed Little Pig Maths with building subtraction and addition. We've been continuing to learn and revise our sounds in Phonics and have been really enjoying our Athletics lessons with Performance Sports. We can't wait for Sports Day next month and are so pleased you'll be able to come and watch and support us. We're also looking forward to going on a Farm Park trip which Mrs Bentley and Mrs Wicks are trying to organise for the beginning of July.

## Year 1

This term, we're continuing our theme of Amazing Animals. In Maths, we've been looking at measuring mass and were rather surprised when a 'Zoo Keeper' sent us some 'animal poo' that needed weighing in order to identify which species it came from. He had clearly muddled up the samples, but we were able to help him, using our maths skills and knowledge of different animals we've been studying. We then used our weighing skills to prepare the ingredients for our treat recipe 'Poop Cookies'. In Science, we've been naming and identifying features of various animals and in Music, we've started a new 'Zoo' themed Charanga unit of work and appraised a zoo themed song this week. Finally, we've been learning about Sir David Attenborough and his invaluable contributions, past and present, to our understanding of the animal kingdom.



## Year 2

We're continuing with our theme of Ocean Explorers and Plants this term and loved our Pirate Day on Wednesday. Weren't our outfits amazing! We learned about Pirate food, knot tying, jewellery making and Pirate life. We have started to read the book 'Pirate have Underpants' by Claire Freedman. We also took a look at ocean habitats in Science this week and have started to compare them to other habitats we learnt about earlier in the year. We had lots of fun designing our own set of pirate underpants in Art and DT and are really looking forward to our trip to Lepe Country Park later this month.



### Year 3

This week in English, we've been exploring poetry and expressing our opinions by writing a review. We also wrote poems about animals inspired by 'In Mr Magoo's Amazing Zoo You Will Find...' and then wrote Summer Haikus. In Maths, we've been learning all about measurement and measuring different lengths using the right equipment and units. We've learned to convert centimetres to metres, and millimetres to centimetres and compared different lengths using these conversions to help us. In Science this term, we're learning about plants and started this week by describing what we already know about the different parts of plants. In History, we've been learning about the local history of Caversham and the ways that the different transport links changed our locality, including bridges being built.

### Year 4

This week, we began our unit of work on adventure stories. We can now recognise the features of an adventure story and write in both first person and past tense. In Maths, we've been focussing on hundredths in the form of fractions, decimals and even percentages. We've been using partitioning to help secure our understanding of decimals, as well as using place value charts to divide numbers by 100. Science was great fun this week. We explained how sounds change over distance and have made and used string telephones to compare volumes of sound over distance.

### Year 5

This week we've begun a unit on Aesop's Fables. We've read and performed a fable and drawn the features of a fable from this. We are now using this to plan our own fable and develop the characters. In Maths, we've been recapping some of the more formal methods for multiplication and division with an aim for us to all use the column method for multiplication. Our topic this term is 'Living Things and Habitats'. We're looking forward to growing some Geraniums from the cuttings that are being sent in (thank you) and have been sketching flowers and labelling different parts. In Music, we've looked at formal notation this week and recorded the notes from our compositions on the Glockenspiels.

### Year 6

Can you believe this is our final term at The Heights?! We are really excited about the weeks ahead and have already started planning, preparing for and rehearsing our end of year production 'Beauty and the Beast'. All of us are going to have a role in putting on this showstopper, from acting and singing, to working back stage on the set and lighting etc. This week, we've been applying or auditioning for the different roles we're interested in. As well as working on the play, we got the chance to take apart PC's of various ages to inspect their inner workings and compare them to each other. We thoroughly enjoyed learning how computers work in this hands-on way.



### Dates for the diary

Year 3 River and Bridges Walk in Caversham	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 Visit to Oxford Story Museum	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 3 Lego Superstructures Workshop	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 - Zoo visit 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
Science Week	W/C 28 <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>

Mrs Edwards