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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a week! Aside from today's downpours, the weather has been glorious and we've really made the most of it. As well as all their usual exciting learning experiences, Year 3 went on a walk to observe and sketch Caversham and Reading Bridges earlier in the week, Year 4 visited the Oxford Story Museum on Wednesday, and Year 3 had their Lego Superstructures Workshop today. Next week, Year 1 have their 'Zoo in a School' visit and Year 2 will visit Lepe Country Park on Friday. In our PE lessons this week, all the children have been practising hard for their upcoming Sports Days, which we will send further information about in the next few days.



Reception

We've been working really hard on revising our phonics sounds this week. We're all at different levels and have been focussing on new blends, spellings and tricky words. We're pretty confident with our knowledge and sequencing of the 'Three Little Pigs' story and practising the actions has really helped us to remember the words. In Maths, we've concentrated on learning number bonds to ten and two digit numbers to 20. We've been making houses out of card and making special cards for a special person and loved cooking for real with our homegrown garlic.

Year 1

This week, we've been enhancing our spelling, grammar and punctuation skills and completing Slow Writes which helped us to take our time and think about all of our skills. We also shared and discussed Aesop's fable 'The Lion and the Mouse', rewrote the story and used our own ideas and innovation to create a similar animal story with an integral moral. In Maths, we revised our addition and subtraction skills in using number lines and 100 squares. In Science, we've looked closely at a variety of animals across all species. We've identified, named and labelled different body parts of animal species and explored new subject specific vocabulary such as abdomen, hind, webbed and talons.

Year 2

This week, we completed a Big Write and started to investigate the beautiful book 'Flotsam' which helped us to generate and use effective adjectives in our setting descriptions. In Science, we've been looking at coastal habitats and comparing them to our previous learning about habitats. We've been thinking about what we can look for when we visit Lepe Country Park next week. We can't wait! In Computing, we've been using Scratch Junior to repeat parts of different codes to play sounds and make a character dance and speak. How amazing is that?

Year 3

This week, we've been learning and using persuasive words for our spellings and completed NFER Reading Comprehensions. We've continued our learning on length in Maths and have been adding and subtracting different lengths involving mm, cm and m and using this to practise measuring the perimeter of a shape and thinking about how we calculate it. We set up an investigation in Science, to explore what would happen if a plant lost its leaves and can't wait to see what we will observe over the next couple of weeks. We loved our local walk around the River Thames and Caversham Bridges and had the most AMAZING fun at our Lego Superstructures Workshop today as you can see from the photos below!



Year 4

This week, we've been developing protagonists and villains for our adventure stories. We've been considering emotions of characters as they overcome challenges on their journey, as well as using similes and metaphors to add detail to our writing. In Maths, we've been writing decimals and rounding to the nearest whole number and are looking forward to applying this knowledge if we measure ingredients or go shopping with you. In Science, we finished off our unit on Sound by making string telephones using a variety of different materials to test their effectiveness. It was great fun!

We have learnt the features of rivers in Geography, and are looking forward to applying our knowledge to make 3D models of rivers over the coming weeks. Our trip to the Story Museum in Oxford on Wednesday was brilliant fun - thank you so much to all the staff and parents who organised and helped to make this happen.



Year 5

We have spent a lot of time discussing our audience and purpose for writing our own Aesop's fables and feel that we've used this to create our very best fables. In Maths, we've been revising the formal methods for multiplication and division and using these to investigate a fairer way of totalling up our house points to decide which house will receive extra play. In Science, we've been learning about asexual reproduction in plants. We're planning to take cuttings of a Geranium to try to create a new plant and then write an explanation of this. In RE, we've been exploring what Jews believe about forgiveness and in Computing, we finished our Scratch projects and then practised our typing, editing and publishing skills on Google Classroom.

Year 6

All the acting roles and production teams have now been assigned for our production of 'Beauty and the Beast' and rehearsals are well underway. In Computing, we've made time to put our understanding of the Digital Revolution into context and have learnt how Reading has changed over the years as a result of Digital advances. We also explored how computers work in a hands-on way when we took apart PC's of various ages to inspect the

inner workings. We've worked on some tessellations in Maths and focused on urban sketching in Art where we drew the architectural features of our school buildings in a loose and relaxed style.

Dates for the diary

Year 1 - Zoo visit to school	Tuesday 22 nd June
Year 5 Bikeability	Tues 22 nd June to Fri 25 th June and Tues 29 th June - Fri 2 nd July
Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park	Friday 25 th June
Science Week	W/C 28 th June
Reception Trip to Bucklebury Farm	Tuesday 6 th July (details to follow)
Sports Day - Reception & Key Stage 1	Wednesday 7 th July (morning)
Early Move Up Day	Thursday 8 th July
Sports Day - Key Stage 2	Friday 9 th July (morning)
Year 6 to Skern Lodge	Friday 16 th July to Monday 19 th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 16th July

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Edwards