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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful week, despite the continued impact of Covid on staffing and pupils in school. But, with Spring now well on the way, I hope we'll all start to feel this less and less.

Congratulations to the Year 4 Boys who played their semi-final cup match for Caversham AFC last week and are through to the Final in May!!

## Reception

In Reception this week, we've been revising all our known sounds from last term and also learnt two new digraphs 'oo' and 'or'. When we were practising our handwriting, we were looking at the letters q, s and f in our whole class and group inputs and worked really hard to use them in our writing. We loved exploring volcanoes in our dinosaur topic and making more dinosaurs from junk modelling. We attended our 2<sup>nd</sup> assembly today with all the other children from Years 1-3 and really enjoyed it. Please do ask us how to sing our 'Community Song'.

## Year 1

We've been continuing to learn about our solar system during our shared reading activities and enjoyed watching a crafter on YouTube create a paper plate dinosaur as we used this to work together to create a set on instructions for someone else to make a dinosaur. In Maths, we've been working on division which has been pretty tricky and we've also completed two Maths assessments. In Science, we've been looking at seasonal changes and how weather, light and plants are affected by these changes, as well as our clothing and activity choices. We're really excited about going to the Winchester Science Museum on 8<sup>th</sup> March!

## Year 2

This week, we've really enjoyed writing our own adventure story and making it into a picture book to send to the author David Lucas (who wrote our Grendel class story). We used our art skills to create illustrations for our books and then in Computing we have continued to create our own stop motion videos involving a scene from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In Science, we finished our topic on Hygiene with a fun investigation about the power of a sneeze, and how far germs can travel!

## Year 3

We've really enjoyed completing an 'independent write' this week, using an image of a woolly mammoth stuck in the ice to inspire us. We've also been Stone Age crafters, learning about different Stone Age clothing and jewellery and using this to design our own necklace and make it using modelling clay. In Maths, we've been developing our knowledge and understanding of money, converting pounds into pence and adding simple values of money together and in Science, we've been learning about reflective materials and investigating which materials reflect light and which do not.



## Year 4

This week, we finished writing our diary entries from the perspective of one of the children in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and really enjoyed applying our knowledge of the children's personalities to our writing. In Maths, we've begun a unit of work on fractions, including equivalent fractions and fractions of shape. In Science, we've been learning about the water cycle and set up an investigation to observe how water evaporates and how condensation is formed once warm air meets a cold surface. In History, we've been learning about Hadrian's Wall: its size, structure and when it was first built as well as why it was built.

## Year 5

This week in English, we've completed a reading comprehension linked to our 'Cosmic' guided reading book. We also read and discussed space poems to help prepare us to draft our own. In Maths, we've continued our unit and work on fractions, comparing and ordering them and identifying the missing fractions in sequences and in Science, we revised our learning on forces and completed an end of unit assessment. In Geography, we've been planning journeys using grid references and in French we used role play to practice ordering pizzas and ask for our favourite toppings. In Music, we've had fun composing science fiction theme tunes!



## Year 6

We've continued to explore traditional tales this week and looked at some Greek Myths to identify the features. In Topic, we've focused on the arrival of the first European settlers to the eastern coast of North America and learned how these people lived and how they interacted with the native peoples. In Computing and in line with our HTML topic, we've been exploring how to put links and buttons into our website, creating connections between our work and other areas of the web. In Art, we've explored Haida Art, originating from the indigenous peoples of the north west coast of North America. We enjoyed examining its distinctive features, including animals, ovoids and trigaris.



## Twitter

The school has a Twitter Feed - please follow [@AtHeadteacher](#) for updates!

## Dates for the Diary

Parent Class Rep Meeting	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 9.10am
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Virtual Reality Experience - Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Winchester Science Centre - Year 5	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March

Winchester Science Centre - Year 1	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Earth Trust Visit - Year 3	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Parent Consultations <b>ONLY Holly</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 4.00-6.20pm
Parent Consultations <b>All classes EXCEPT Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan &amp; Maple</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 4.40-7.30pm
Parent Consultations <b>ONLY Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan and Maple</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 4.40-7.30pm
Parent Consultations <b>ALL Classes EXCEPT Holly</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 3.40-6.00pm
Additional INSET Day (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards