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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week and have really enjoyed spending time with and watching our chicks grow and develop every day! They changed so much from day to day! Thanks again to the PTFA for funding this wonderful experience for all the children (and staff!). Thanks also to the Woods for welcoming 5 of the chicks into their 'Eggloo' in their home. We're sure they will be very happy with you.



## Year 5 Netball Festival

Congratulations to all the Year 5 pupils who played in the Year 5 Festival organised by and at Caversham Primary yesterday. They played really well and were a real credit to the school in all ways. I was super proud of them and delighted for them when they won both their matches, to win overall! Well done!



## Reception

We've been working hard, practising the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' through actions and were super excited to perform it in both the KS1 and KS2 assemblies today. We can't wait to perform it to our Mums and Dads next week! We've continued to explore and build on doubles, as well as learn about halving. We had fun constructing houses out of sticks and writing about the chicks when we visited them this week.

## Year 1

We've been busy completing different assessments in Reading Comprehension, SPAG and Maths this week. We've also been doing some open-ended problem solving work with physical manipulatives, including the polyhedron and K-NEX. We've continued to observe our beans and record our findings in our plant diaries and have been having great fun with the boom whackers in Music. Mrs Edwards said she was really impressed with our hurdling and vaulting skills in our extra PE lesson yesterday, particularly when it hailed, sleeted and snowed on us!

## Year 2

Along with completing some end of term assessments, we've begun to plan and write our explanation texts about the life cycle of the cacao plant. In Maths, we've been investigating measurement, starting with length. We've looked at different types of scales and how to read them. Having the chicks in school has been amazing and it's really tied in with our work on lifecycles.



### Year 3

This week, we've completed an independent write, on instructions for how to make a clay pot. We used all the information we had researched about the Beaker people in the Bronze Age. In Maths, we've been introduced to the expanded and compact method for multiplying a 2-digit number with a 1-digit number and in Topic, we made our Beaker people inspired clay pots. We also learnt about the Roman Invasion of Britain which saw the end of the Iron Age.



### Year 4

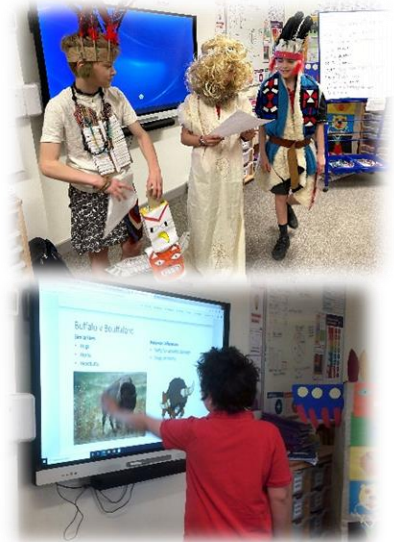
This week, we've started a unit on poetry. We've enjoyed reading a variety of poems and had fun being creative and writing our own silly poems. In Maths, we've been partitioning numbers to two decimal places, as well as ordering decimals with tenths and hundredths. Our Topic lessons have been amazing! We've started to plan and design Roman Chariots with functioning wheels and axels. The stop-motion videos that we've made in groups are finally coming together and we had so much fun exploring the song 'Mambo' from West Side Story.

### Year 5

We've continued to work hard on developing our tension writing and have planned and written up our own tense settings this week. In Maths, we've moved on to position and direction as well as describing positions on a grid and translation. We've also started our DT unit and task, which is to make lunar buggies in small groups. We'll be designing, building and evaluating them by the end of next week!

### Year 6

Following on from our work on debating last week, we've been exploring the question 'Should zoos be banned?' We've started to draft a balanced argument which includes articulating and justifying different points with evidence. In our Topic work, we've been focussing on the largest biomes on our planet - water. We've researched the wide ranging habitats found both in the fresh and salt waters of our planet and are learning to identify key adaptations in plants and animals. In Art, we've been exploring architectural artwork, both as sketches and technical drawings. We're enjoying learning how to draw accurate representations of structures for many purposes, using straight lines, scale and elevations.



### Table Tennis

Our Year 6 pupil, Theo Kniep continues to go from strength to strength and is now 22<sup>nd</sup> in the World in his Under-11 age group - well done Theo!

### Heights Appeal

Thank you once again for all your generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal, which we launched recently- we've now raised 61% of our target and there is still time to donate if you can support us - the link is here: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022)  
Please feel free to share this link with family and friends.

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## Dates for the Diary

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| <b>Half Term</b>  | <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> |
| Parent Consultations<br><b>ALL Classes EXCEPT Holly</b>         | Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 3.40-6.00pm                               |
| Tempest - Class Photos (Weather dependent)                      | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| Year 4 Trip to Oxford Story Museum                              | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April  |
| Year 3/4 X-Country Event at Emmer Green Primary                 | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm                              |
| Tempest - Class Photos (Backup Date)                            | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| Year 5/6 X-Country Event Emmer Green Primary                    | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm                               |
| <b>Last Day of Term with Easter Trail during the afternoon.</b> | <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April (1.30pm finish)</b>                       |
| <b>Start of Term 5</b>  | <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>                                      |
| Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 5)                             | Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April – 6 <sup>th</sup> May                     |
| May Day - SCHOOL CLOSED   | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May   |
| Scarecrow Trail   | Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May                   |
| I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here Fundraising Event              | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May  |
| Additional INSET Day (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)                 | Wednesday Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                                    |
| Year 3 Superstructures Lego Workshop                            | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June (details to follow)                         |
| Bags2School   | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June  |
| Year 5 Enterprise Day   | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| Year 5 Greek Day  | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| Sports Day - KS2  | Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (morning) (To be confirmed)              |
| Summer Fayre  | Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July  |
| Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 6)                             | 27 <sup>th</sup> June – 8 <sup>th</sup> July                             |
| Sports Day - Reception & KS1                                    | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (morning)                                    |
| Year 6 Leavers Party  | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July   |

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards

KS1 morning of Friday 8 July. KS2 TBC but hopefully morning of 29 June