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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term and all the Jubilee celebrations. Following the Queen's lovely sketch... when I walked into school and saw Paddington in the foyer, it instantly brought a smile to my face!

It's our final term of the year and we have so much organised. It's going to be busy, but lots of fun! We're looking forward to celebrating it with you.



Reception

We began our 'Wild and Wonderful' topic by listening to and learning the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We've made up actions to help us and story maps to go with it. In Maths, we've been focussing on one more and one less, using bears and have really improved our ability to recite our number bonds. We're continuing to enjoy our Forest School learning and have had great fun singing bear songs and making binoculars for bear spotting.

Year 1

Our teachers have said we have blown them away with our work and achievements in Phonics this week. They said we 'aced' the Phonics Screening - Yay! In Maths, we've been revisiting 2D and 3D shapes and making sure we can both recognise and identify them. We really enjoyed building our own 3D shapes using playdough and sticks. In Science, we've continued our work on 'Amazing Animals' and spent time learning about different birds, in preparation for our Birds of Prey visit in a few weeks' time. In History, we've started to learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past, including the primatologist and anthropologist, Jane Goodall and in PE, we've worked on our hurdling skills.



Year 2

This week, we completed a shared read of the books 'The Storm Whale' and 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We've been investigating links between these books and our own experiences, as well as connections between them and other books that we've read. In Topic, we've been learning the names and locations of the 5 oceans and in Science, we've been investigating different materials and how they can be recycled in Reading. We've really enjoyed creating our own scripts to create a short video to educate adults about the dangers of plastic pollution in our oceans.

Year 3

We are really enjoying our 'Superstructures' topic and had so much fun during the Lego Workshop today. Look at what we build collaboratively! We've also completed some reading assessments this week and revised different strategies for addition and subtraction in Maths. We're working hard in our Athletics lessons, to practice the events we'll be participating in during Sports Day and are looking forward to playing our Ukuleles in front of you this term.

Year 4

In English this term, we will be looking at explanation texts. This week, we started by exploring the features of explanation texts and will move on to writing about the role of a local councillor. In Maths, we've been learning the names and properties of polygons and about acute, right and obtuse angles. We also compared them by size. In Science this term, we're looking at scientists and inventors. We started this week by looking at Alexander Graham Bell and exploring how sounds travel through a medium to the ear in the context of Bell's invention of the telephone. In Art, we've begun an artist study, looking at Banksy. We're going to be learning about the evolution of graffiti, as well as discussing the moral implications of it. We're really excited about planning our own stencils over the coming weeks with a focus on an issue which means a lot to us, as this will give our graffiti a purpose.

Year 5

Following on from our brilliant debates before half term, we've been practicing our persuasive writing on whether people should live in Athens or Sparta. We've used our knowledge of the two cities to create points, which we are evidencing and explaining. We've also been using artefacts to learn about Priam's treasure, including photographs and fact cards about the Ancient Greeks and Trojan War. In Maths, we finished our learning on decimals, by focussing on multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 and in Science, we've started a unit on 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. This week, we learned about sexual and asexual reproduction of plants, as well as learning about the parts of a flower.

Year 6

This week, we began the preparations for our end of year play in earnest. We auditioned for roles, showcasing our dramatic talents in front of the Creative Director (Ms Rogers), Technical Director (Mr Cook) and two Assistant Directors (Mr Rose and Mrs Bareham). We're looking forward to taking real ownership of our production, by splitting into different teams and ensuring the play is properly prepared, with all the props, the set design and marketing materials. We've also continued to explore modern technology by learning about the key differences between the internet and world wide web. We've started to identify key dates in the development of the two most important inventions in recent memory and are comparing the purpose of each. In Art, we've been exploring Madhubani Art from North and East India. We've made use of vibrant colours and striking contrast to recreate some of these striking pieces, predominantly painted by female artists.

INSET Day - Friday 17th June

Just a reminder that school is closed to pupils next Friday 17th June as we have an INSET Day.

Meeting with School Governors and Senior Leaders

We would like to warmly invite you to join the school's Governors and Senior Leaders on Monday 4th July in the school hall. The briefing will cover the school's strategic focus in the coming years. This will be followed by a discussion about what your hopes are for the school in the next stage of our journey. We do hope you will be able to join us for this meeting at 7.30pm.

Kwik Cricket Festival

Thank you to Shiplake College and Chris Ellison and his team for organising and hosting us today at the Kwik Cricket Festival. 16 children took part and thoroughly enjoyed being able to participate in cricket games with other local schools. Thank you to Mr Cook and Mrs Carter for supervising and supporting the children.

Lego Master Builders Workshop

Thank you to Kate and Julia and the Year 3 team who organised two amazing Lego workshops for the children today. The children had three challenges to complete:

- To build a bridge across the river
- To build a tall tower
- To build a hotel to go at the top of the tower

The children were so creative and demonstrated fantastic teamwork. We are very proud of them!



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 73% of our target and there is still time to donate if you can support us - the link is here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022 Please feel free to share this link with family and friends.

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Dates for the Diary

Year 5 Maths Extravaganza at Queen Anne's School	Tuesday 14 th June (pm)
Bags2School Collection	Wednesday 15 th June
Year 5 Enterprise Day	Thursday 16 th June
INSET Day - School Closed	Friday 17th June
Year 3 River/Bridges Walk	Tuesday 21 st June
Year 5 Greek Day	Thursday 23 rd June
Sports Day - KS2	Wednesday 29 th June (morning)
Summer Fayre	Saturday 2 nd July
Early Move Up Afternoon	Tuesday 5 th July (afternoon)
Year 2 to Lepe Country Park	Wednesday 6 th July (details to follow)
Year 3 Ukulele Concert to Parents	Wednesday 6 th July (9.00-9.45am)
Year 6 Guitar Concert to Parents	Wednesday 6 th July (10.00-10.45am)
Reception Vision Screening	Thursday 7 th July (morning)
Early Move Up Afternoon	Thursday 7 th July
Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 6)	27 th June - 8 th July
Sports Day - Reception & KS1	Friday 8 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leavers Party	Friday 15 th July
Reception Trip to Bucklebury Farm	Tuesday 19 th July (details to follow)
Last Day of Term	Friday 22nd July (1.30pm finish)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards