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Dear Parents and Carers,

Phew - what a hot week! It's been lovely to have had such a warm, sunny weather but the pollen count has been dreadful. I don't think I've seen so many children and staff suffering from the affects of hayfever! Despite that, we've continued with all our curricular and extra-curricular activities and had a really positive week.

Reception

Following on from all that we did last week, we've continued to practice our actions for 'Going on a Bear Hunt' along with reading 'Brown Bear, What Do You See?'. We've used our outdoor area to go on a colour hunt, as well as learning about Brown Bears. We've been revisiting composition of numbers again this week, this time with the numbers 6 and 7.

Year 1

Our work in English this week has been linked to our topic work and we researched some Australian animals. We then used this information to write up our own non-chronological reports in the form of informational posters about our chosen animals. In Science, we've been focussing on animal habitats, thinking about what kinds of things animals need from their environments and why they're suited to their habitats. In Maths, we've been looking at mass and how to compare and measure the masses of different objects. We have been deciding which objects are heavier vs lighter and used this information to record our findings.

Year 2

This week, we've been reading the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', a story about a plastic bag that gets swept into the ocean and mistaken for food by a variety of sea creatures. We've been considering the impact of plastic pollution in the ocean and investigating different things that may help. As a result, we've written a letter to Matt Rodda, to try to convince him to use one of our ideas to help prevent plastic pollution in our seas. We've also been learning about Rachel Carson, a scientist who discovered the impact of pesticides and chemicals on ocean habitats - we're going to be completing our own experiment to investigate this problem and then write up our findings. In Maths, we've been focussing on making sensible estimates and using a variety of skills to check how close our estimates were. We've measured the length of our feet, counted Lego bricks in a container, measured how much water it takes to fill a cup and counted up money to find the total.

Year 3

This week, we've explored a variety of poetry, and read and reviewed a selection of poems, explaining what we liked (or didn't like). We've been writing our own poetry inspired by some that we've read and are looking forward to publishing our favourite piece to take home. In Maths, we've begun to solve two-step word problems using written methods for both addition and subtraction and in French we've created our own family trees and labelled them using French vocabulary.

Year 4

We've been looking at explanation texts in English this term and this week, we've been designing a Cracking Contraction to solve a household dilemma in the style of Wallace and Gromit. In Maths, we've been learning about symmetry and used folding and mirrors to identify lines of symmetry and complete symmetric figures.

We've also been introduced to co-ordinates grids and learnt how to plot points and took our Multiplication Tables Check on Wednesday. In Science, we've focussed on the work of Garrett Morgan, the inventor and entrepreneur. In the early 20th Century, he faced racism and prejudice but despite these setbacks he became very successful and invented the three signal traffic light, amongst other inventions.

Year 5

We've been busy this week! We've finally published our persuasive letters on tea-stained paper to make them look authentic and continued to make and evaluate our Greek vases. In Maths, we started our work on angles, comparing and ordering them and will be drawing and measuring angles next week. In Science, we took cuttings from Geraniums and used this process to explain our understanding of asexual reproduction. On Thursday, we had great fun meeting and working collaboratively with other pupils from St Anne's and The Hill in our Year 5 Enterprise Day which was organised by Mrs Thomas and Ms Lawless. We had a fascinating talk from Dr Schofield, who is a Scientist and learned lots from the managers of a local Caversham business, Nood. We were set different challenges, such as how quickly we could 'turn' £5 into £50 with a product and investment and really enjoyed the whole day. Many thanks to all the staff and guests who helped make it so interesting.



Year 6

We've also been busy this week, continuing with our play preparations. Those of us who have stage parts have been rehearsing; practising our singing, dancing and acting both individually and as a cast and those of us who are managing backstage have been designing and creating props, costumes, scenery, creating adverts and tickets and preparing the other all-important behind-the-scene work. We can't wait for you to come and watch it in our school hall! We've also taken part in an Inter-House Maths Competition from the UK Maths Trust and explored the technology that kick-started the digital revolution: The Transistor. It was also fun, when we learnt how to make use of more complex formula to create a useful tool: A Randomiser!



Year 5 Maths Extravaganza

Congratulations to all the pupils from all the different primary schools who took part in Queen Anne's Year 5 Maths Extravaganza. Sriram, Taran, Daisy, Varya, Triston and James were amazing as a team, winning the team event and Sriram, Taran and Triston came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the individual challenge. Wow! We're super proud of them all! Thank you to Mrs Howell for looking after us for the afternoon.



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.

Bags2School

Thank you again for dropping off your unwanted items of clothing for the Bags2School collection this week - we managed to raise £160.40!

Churches Together in Caversham

Wonderzone is a Holiday Club run by volunteers from local churches for primary school aged children (who were in Reception or Years 1-6 in primary school in the 2021-22 academic year). This year it will run from **25th-29th July 10am-3pm at St Anne's Primary School**. This year's theme is Science. The club has a Christian ethos, explores stories from the Bible and welcomes children of all faiths and none. Morning activities are in groups based on school year. They include fun activities around the club themes. In the afternoon children work together across the age groups on a selection of activities including crafts, music, sports and circus skills. Wednesday afternoon is Wilson's Wet Wednesday with a range of waterplay activities outside. Friday afternoon is Family Fun Friday, where parents and carers, with younger siblings, are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon celebrating all that has happened at club. To book, please visit <https://cavershamholidayclub.eventbrite.co.uk/> Free places are available for those who wish to attend but cannot afford to do so. If this applies to you, please email holidayclub.caversham@yahoo.co.uk for more information about free places.

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Dates for the Diary

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 Play (Beauty and the Beast)	Wednesday 13 th July (Matinee) 1.45pm Wednesday 13 th July (Evening) 7.00pm Thursday 14 th July (Matinee) 1.45pm Friday 15 th July (Evening) 7.00pm
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 22 nd July (1.30pm finish)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards