



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed a fabulous half term break together. It certainly looked like it from the amazing diaries that the children have written. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them all.

## Reception



This week we have moved on from Superheros to Mini-beasts. The children have explored the grounds to find as many different mini-beasts as they can and have studied them, written about them in a descriptive way, drawn them and even learnt a song about them.

They have been counting in 5s and practising a range of athletics skills running, hurdling, jumping and throwing in PE as we move ever closer to Sports Day on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## Year 1

Year 1 have been.... planting beans, designing and testing methods of dispersing seeds by wind, investigating materials suitable for a hamster's roof, making tiger fact books, writing conversations, adding in tens and units, and visiting churches! This was another very successful trip - your children were a credit to you.

When you are next in school - either on your way to Friday's assembly or at our Watch Us At Work next Thursday afternoon - please do stop to study Year 1's van Gogh artwork. The learned about the man himself and did not just copy his painting so on display there are also facts they learned about him and questions they posed.



## CLASS CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER

We will be letting you know of the new class memberships for Reception moving into Year 1 on 7<sup>th</sup> July before our Early Move Up day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note that up to half of the children in each of the two classes will be mixed.

## WATCH US AT WORK

There will be a 'Watch us at Work' session from 2.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June for any parents who wish to see some of what we get up to both inside the classrooms and outside.



## READING FRINGE FESTIVAL

Year 1's creation of 'Zak' came second out of all the entries to find Reading's Superhero in a competition which started before Christmas. The entries will be on display in Reading (venue to be confirmed) during the festival which runs from 15-19<sup>th</sup> July. Congratulations to Year 1!

## BEAT THE STREET

Our distance has risen to 34,980 miles giving us 1399 points and Nathan Salisbury has won the Beat the Street draw for a Lego DVD this week. The latest Beat the Street newsletter is being sent with this Highlights. Well done everyone - keep up the good work.

## DATES TO NOTE

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Reception classes church visits
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm	Watch us at Work session
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June		PTFA Summer Fayre
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30-12noon	Sports Day in St Anne's Field
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Whole school visit: Bucklebury Farm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Early Move-up Day

## SPOTLIGHT

Our Spotlight in Celebration Assembly this week fell on Matilda White who is taking her **Rainbow** promise this evening; Umar Qadeer for **swimming**; Rufus Palk for his **library** visits and Scarlett Hepworth for her **ballet and modern dance** performances. Well done everyone.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

This afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were handed to: Lucy Ray and Jack Wilder (Y1); George Akwa-Likhachov and Lily Morgan (Mr Rizvi's Class); Abigail Mann and Dani Barbano (Mr Crispin's Class). Congratulations to them all.

Mrs Edwards  
Headteacher



Busy construction site at The Heights