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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had such a lovely week celebrating Chinese New Year or Chunjie (Spring Festival). A belated "Xin nian Kuai le" or "Gong hei fat choy" to you all. In Chinese culture pigs are the symbol of wealth. It is the Year of the Pig - Pigs might not stand out in a crowd but they are energetic, enthusiastic and realistic. They are also easy going, optimistic and gentle.

Reception

In Reception we have loved learning about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We've tried writing some Chinese characters and phrases and even the New Year Story in sequence. We've used our maths knowledge to find money totals in Lucky Red Envelopes and tried and tasted all sorts of Chinese food using our fingers and chopsticks! We made cherry blossom cards, lion and dragon puppets and some bright red Chinese lanterns.

Thank you **so much** to our teachers and teaching assistants for making it such an amazing week!



Year 1

This week we've created our own stories using 'Cakes in Space' as our inspiration and are looking forward to our re-written versions being displayed. We've spent time learning about Tim Peake as someone who has been influential in developing a greater global awareness of Earth as the planet we live on and 'Space' as much wider. We're also really enjoying making papier mache models of planets. In Science we've been looking at the function of each part of a flowering plant and are designing our own seed packets in DT.



Year 2

Our Maths topic has been really interesting and pretty challenging - MONEY. We've recapped the names of coins and their value and found combinations of coins that equal the same amount and combined different amounts to make different values. Phew! All this when we rarely see coins as so much is now paid for by card, contactless and online! Our Mums and Dads are right, it's a very different world! We've enjoyed finding out more about the history of chocolate as well as using the Chromebooks to help us create our own presentations.

Year 3

It's all been about 'apostrophes', 'money' and 'jewellery' this week! In English we spend time on looking at a reading comprehension and revising how we can answer questions in full sentences, sing the text to help us. We also completed work using the possessive singular apostrophe and determiners. In Maths we've converted pounds to pence, compared values of money, added amounts of money together and used this knowledge to help us solve different word problems. We've continued to look at how Stone Age people created clothing and jewellery and have had a fab time creating our own pieces of jewellery.

Year 4

Over the past couple of weeks, we have really enjoyed sharing our 'Kensuke's Kingdom' writing with 1AP and 1CG. We hope the Year 1s enjoyed the experience as much as we did. In Maths we've been revising fractions and decimals, solving work problems involving fractions of money, using fractions on scales of weight, length and time and dividing decimal numbers by 10 and 100. We've been finding and labelling Roman places on a map and have continued to research the questions we asked about the Romans using the Chromebooks and non-fiction books. We now have to decide how we'll present our findings. In Science, we used our plans from last week to carry out an investigation about which materials are electrical conductors and which are electrical insulators.



Year 5

This week we've been editing the diary entries we wrote last week. We've revised our use of speech/quotes in our writing and are looking forward to including these in our upcoming newspaper reports. In Maths we've continued our work on fractions, decimals and percentages and in Science we've investigated friction using newton meters and then set up our own investigations. We were so excited to have the opportunity to take part in our first Reading Inter-School Netball Tournament on Thursday. Mrs Edwards, Mrs Sanigar and Mr Clarke took 14 of us to the John Madejski Academy. Both of our teams played 4 games in a round robin against other Year 5 (but mainly Year 6) teams.

We really enjoyed it and Mrs Edwards was SO impressed with the tactics we used (bounce passes rather than overhead passes because we were the 'shortest' teams there), resilience and enthusiasm. We were really competitive, but found the secondary heights posts a challenge - as did all the other schools.

Longridge Residential

I will be holding a meeting for current Year 3 parents about the forthcoming residential on Tuesday 12th February, 3.30-4.30pm in one of the Year 3 classrooms. Please do join us.

Sports Festivals

A team of 8 Year 5 pupils will be travelling to the JMA again on Tuesday 12th to take part in a football festival as part of our involvement with the Reading Schools Sports Partnership and also a team of Year 3 and 4 pupils after school on Thursday 14th taking part in a Basketball tournament. Good luck to everyone and many thanks to Chris Ellison and his team for helping organise these events.

Headteacher Awards - Carried forward from last week

RED - Amelie, Isla, Zack and Charlie

RSR - James, Izzy, Musab and Noah

1AP - Rioghan, Gwen, Ellie and Ben

1CG - Shia, Charlotte, Ella and Krishan

2SB - Tom, Noah, Jake and Betsy

2VH - Angie, Lauren, Marnie, Mia

Spotlight

Swimming

Marek for achieving Duckling Level 3.

Noah for achieving Early Swimmer Level 4.

Theo for completing Level 1.

The Monument

Noah for climbing the 311 steps of the monument.

Treasure Trail

James for solving the Reading Treasure Trail.

Well done everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 4 Visit to Fishbourne Palace	Wednesday 6th March 2019
Year 5 Football Festival @JMA	Tuesday 12 th February
Year 4 Basketball @JMA	Thursday 14 th February
Year 1 & 2 Cricket Festival @JMA	Thursday 28 th February (details to be communicated)
Year 3 Visit to the Earth Trust	Thursday 14 th March 2019
Green Park Mini Mile	Sunday 19 th May 2019
Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 27 th June 9-1.00pm
Sports Day - Years 3, 3 and 5	Wednesday 3 rd July 9-1.00pm



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