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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

My husband and I looked at our calendar this morning and couldn't believe that we are already at the end of January. I know we all have busy lives but... wow... time really seems to be racing by. Still, we continue to make the most of it in school and this past week has been no exception.

Reception

Our focus this week has been on the theme of 'Rosie's Walk'. We have really enjoyed the story and learning to recall it using positional language. We've been learning and blending new phonemes and digraphs and blending them together to read words like t-ow-n, town. In our PHSE lessons we've been talking about how the things we are learning now will help us in our future jobs and it's been fun creating our own Transient Art.

Year 1

We've been continuing to develop our Space Booklets this week with information we've learned about Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. We've been studying the life and achievements of the Mathematician Katherine Johnson who has been such an important person in the Space World. In Geography, we've been learning about different hot and cold countries around the globe and in Science, about the web of life for different trees and plants. We loved making our own paper mache planets and tried not to giggle when Mrs Giacomelli got some of it in her hair..



Year 2

We have learned so much about writing non-chronological reports and after researching the history of chocolate, have planned and written a paragraph for our class report. Mrs Powell is taking a 2 week sabbatical to Africa and we will be writing to the orphanage that she will be helping out at. Watch this space! In Maths, we've been focussing on fractions and how it relates to division and in Science, we're continuing to concentrate on hygiene and 'snot' and its' purpose in particular!

Year 3

This week, we've been finishing and publishing our own Stone Age Boy stories. We have really enjoyed learning about the jewellery that Stone Age people wore and designing our own pieces of jewellery, ready for us to make over the coming weeks. In Maths, we've been progressing from using the expanded method for addition to using the compact method.

Year 4

This week we've been focussing on poetry about the wolf and the woodpecker from the story of Romulus and Remus. We've started to write our own poems based on the story and look forward to sharing them with you. We've linked our knowledge of the eruption of Vesuvius in Pompeii to PE and developed a 6-part dance to tell the story. We've been looking at strategies that helps us remain positive and resilient in the face of adversity in PSHE and continued our work on fractions in Maths.

Year 5

We've been using our knowledge of the moon landings to complete diary entries and a newspaper article. We've loved the book 'Cosmic' that we've been reading in class which has a lot of humorous language in it and used by the main character Liam, and enjoyed chalking our own space pictures in the style of Peter Thorpe. Look at Mr Alcivar's drawing!!! We've been working collaboratively in Science, to design crazy machines that use mechanisms such as levers, pulleys and gears to allow a smaller force to have a greater effect and are continuing to investigate the perimeter and area of Space.



Year 6

Our North American topic is really interesting. We've been looking at one of the more dramatic geographical features of this continent - volcanoes, describing their features and discussing what causes them to erupt. We've been writing Haiku's in English, working on transformations in Maths and focussing on voltage and current in Science, creating our own experiments and investigations to explore these concepts in the real world. Our Netball and Hockey skills continue to impress Mrs Edwards and Mr Cook and we're looking forward to playing in a couple of Netball tournaments this term.

Eco Council

The ECO Council would like to hold a Cake Sale after they take the lead in an Eco Assembly on Friday 7th February. The children would like to raise money for the animals that have and continue to suffer during the recent bush fires in Australia. If you are able to help by baking cakes, we would appreciate donations via the school office on the day. Thank you for your support.

Modeshift STARS

We have recently been informed that we have been awarded Modeshift STARS Reading School of the Year for the second year running! We are delighted and thank you all for your continued support of your efforts to travel to and from school in a sustainable environmentally friendly way. We will be focussing on how we can achieve our Gold Award later this academic year.

Singing at the O2

Members of the Choir are so excited at the prospect of singing at the O2 with 8000 other children on Monday as part of the Young Voices Project. Huge thanks to Mrs Bentley for organising this fabulous opportunity and experience and we are looking forward to hearing all about it next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Young Voices at the O2 - Choir | Monday 3 rd February 2020 |
| Football Tournament at Cranford House | Wednesday 5 th February 2020 |
| NSPCC Number Day at Hemdean House | Thursday 6 th February 2020 |
| School Disco at St Andrew's Church Hall (Details to follow) | Friday 14 th February 2020 Y1&2 - 5.00-6.00pm Y3&Y4 - 6.15-7.15pm Y5&Y6 - 7.30-8.30pm |
| Half Term | 17 th - 21 st February 2020 |
| Book Fayre | 25 th February - 3 rd March 2020 |
| Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest | Monday 2 nd March 2020 |
| Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre | Tuesday 3 rd March 2020 |
| World Book Day | Thursday 6 th March 2020 |
| Eco Council Assembly followed by Cake Sale | Friday 7 th March 2020 |
| Year 1 Trip to Winchester Science Centre | Tuesday 10 th March 2020 |
| Parent Consultations | Tuesday 10 th March 2020 Thursday 12 th March 2020 (Times to be confirmed) |
| Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court | Monday 16 th March 2020 |
| Living Eggs | Monday 23 rd March 2020 |
| Reception Eye Tests | Thursday 26 th March 2020 |
| Year 3 Trip to the Earth Trust | Tuesday 31 st March 2020 |
| Year 5 Information Workshop re: Year 6 & SATS | Tuesday 28 th April 2020 7pm |



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