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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't wish to sound obsessed, but it really has been lovely to have had a pretty 'dry' week at school and we have so much to share with you!

On Monday, Mrs Bentley, Mr Bethel, Miss Hatchett, Mrs Jones and Miss Lowson took members of our Choir to to the O2 to perform in 'One Voice'. They had an amazing time and wonderful experience. There were 8,000 children performing and the children were such a credit to our school. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Bentley and all the staff and parents who helped support in lots of ways on the day.

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 pupils went to Cranford House to participate in a Year 5/6 Football Tournament. The children were enthusiastic, had a positive attitude and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Ellison who helped transport and support the children at the event.

Yesterday, four of our Year 4 pupils were invited to celebrate 'Number Day' at Hemdean House with pupils from different local schools. They came back to school full of the experiences they had. Thank you to Mrs Childs for supporting the children at the event and to Hemdean House for hosting us and organising such a fabulous day.



### Reception

This week we've focussed on Mr Grumpy's Outing and have been learning to recall the story. We've also been learning about Transient Art and have been creating our own Masterpieces. In Maths, we've been developing our understanding of estimation, number formation and problem solving and have really enjoyed our Rainbow Challenges. We do hope you can come to school for the 'Meet the Teacher' session next Friday 14th February at 3.30pm.

## Year 1

Wow! We have learnt so much this week! As we've continued to explore our Solar System, we used our knowledge about the Moon, Pluto and Dwarf Planets to help us develop our Space Booklets. We now understand why index and contents pages are important and have created our own. In Maths, we've been learning how to use the division symbol to write simple division number sentences. We've also really enjoyed researching Tim Peake and finding out why he is an important and significant figure in our recent history. In Geography, we've looked at where different plants can be found in the world using our knowledge of different countries and continents.

# Year 2

Our work on non-chronological reports has really inspired us to write and Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon have been really impressed by the quality of our writing! We've moved on to equivalent fractions in Maths, and have been looking at baby animals and sorting them in Science.



## Year 3

This week, we've used our plans from last week to create Stone Age Jewellery, using air drying clay. We focussed on the techniques needed to thread the clay shapes onto the necklaces. We've started our new topic of 'Rock Detectives' in Science and have been looking at different types of rocks, completing observational drawings and describing their properties. In English, we've been identifying and applying inverted commas to show direct speech and in Maths, we've been using and applying our written methods to solve word problems in different contexts.

Thank you for helping us with our Science lesson. We used the tuned/wind instruments that you sent in to help us with our imvestigation into pitch. In English, we looked at recount writing, inspired by Theresa Breslin's Across the Roman Wall and in Maths, we've been finishing off our work on fractions.

# Year 5

We really enjoyed researching and reading space poems written by other Year 5 children. We've magpied ideas from these poems and discussed which are our favourites. In Maths, we've started on a 2-week unit on Shape. We've measured and estimated angles using a protractor and then moved on to finding missing lengths and angles using our knowledge of related facts. In PSHE we have been debating on whether salary is the most important part of a job and looking at budgeting.

## Year 6

In English, we've been writing instructions for how to build a log cabin, just like Matt and his father in The Sign of the Beaver. In Maths, we moved on to Reflection and the enlargement of shapes and in Science we enjoyed learning about some of the most important scientists in the field of electricity such as Alessandro Volta and Michael Faraday.

# Eco Council

Many thanks to the Eco Council for leading a really useful assembly this afternoon and for organising a Cake Sale to raise awareness and funds for the suffering animals as a result of the recent bush fires in Australia.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Reception 'Meet the Teacher' Session	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.00pm
School Disco at St Andrew's Church Hall (Details to follow)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
	Y1&2 - 5.00-6.00pm
	Y3&Y4 - 6.15-7.15pm
	Y5&Y6 - 7.30-8.30pm
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
Book Fayre	25 <sup>th</sup> February - 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020
Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Year 1 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
	(Times to be confirmed)
Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Living Eggs	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
Reception Eye Tests	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Year 3 Trip to the Earth Trust	Tuesday 31st March 2020
Year 5 Information Workshop re: Year 6 & SATS	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 7pm

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