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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Birthday to Mrs Marshall, Happy Leap Year and a big Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mrs Fallon! Today she has been embracing the 80s again - what a decade that was!

Thank you so much for completing the Travel Survey before and during half-term. Thank you also for your continued support of our efforts to be a more environmentally friendly and sustainable school. Nearly 90% of you have said that you plan to walk, cycle or scoot to school when we move to the permanent site and we have already contacted local councillors and the Travel Planning Team at the Local Authority to request cycle lanes and paths in the Mapledurham area.

## Reception

This week, our theme linked to Journeys has been 'Whatever Next'. We've been learning to recall and retell the story and have also enjoyed telling our own stories. We've been learning about addition in Maths and trying to find the total of different objects. We're going to be making some space rockets out of junk modelling next week. If you have any cartons or cereal boxes, please could you bring them in for us to use.

## Year 1

We've been looking at grammar and punctuation this week and learning about question marks, contractions and apostrophes and how these can be used in a piece of writing. We've also been learning about Laika, the first Space dog and how to double and half numbers up to 20 in Maths. In Science, we are continuing to explore the life cycle of a plant and are beginning to plant our own seeds. We've been discussing what our plants need to grow successfully and what could hinder growth and in Art, we've been drawing the different stages of a plant's life cycle.



## Year 2

In English, we've been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and learning about how Roald Dahl sets a scene and the language he uses to do this. In Maths, we've been looking closely at Time this week and learning how to tell the time to  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour and  $\frac{3}{4}$  to the hour. In Science, we've been looking at healthy eating and in our topic, we have been learning about the rainforest and how to look after it.



## Year 3

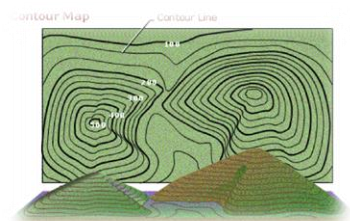
We've started a new unit in English this week, looking at shape poetry. We've been reading and responding to a variety of different shape poems and will be planning our own shape poems about a Stone Age animal. In Maths, we have been subtracting simple amounts of money and calculating change by counting forwards. In our Topic, we have loved learning about Stonehenge and making 3D paper Stonehenges and creating artwork inspired by this.

## Year 4

We've started this term with a big write, using music as our stimulus. We've been focussing on decimals in Maths and learning about Countries and Capital Cities in French. In DT, linked to our Roman topic, we have started to plan how we will design and make our aqueducts, considering materials and roles. We've been listening to and analysing movie scores in Music and the different elements that contribute to them. This is going to help us compose our own movie scores later this term.

## Year 5

This week, we've used an 'alien invasion' clip to help inspire our creative writing. In Maths, we've been focussing on time and solving problems that include reading authentic bus timetables. In Science, we've been exploring the movement of the Earth in relation to the Sun and in Geography we're looking at mountains and how maps can show height with contours.



## Year 6

In Topic this week, we've continued to explore the lives of Native Americans and looked at how they lived before and after European settlement of the continent. We used our research to write a brief non-fiction text about Native American life. In Science we have started our new topic of Light and have started to think about how it is produced and in Maths, we have looked at different types of graph, and have learned how to read them accurately and construct them.

### Book Fayre

The Book Fayre has been a great success this week and children from Reception to Year 4 have had an opportunity to visit the bookshelves with their classes during the day, whilst Year 5 and 6 still have this to look forward to on Monday. Thank you to all parents who came along with your children at the end of each day to purchase books - every penny spent will help us to buy more books for the school.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Online Safety Meeting for Parents	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30-8.30pm
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 (18:00-20:30) Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 (15:50-18:40)
Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Science Week	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Living Eggs	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
Year 6 Trip to Path Hill	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Reception Eye Tests	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Year 3 Trip to the Earth Trust	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
Year 2 Visit to St Andrew's Church	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Friday 3d April 2020 (1.30pm finish)</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
<b>Start of Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
Year 5 Information Workshop re: Year 6 & SATS	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 7pm

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