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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I'm so sorry not to have written these Highlights in time for Friday. I was trying to, but Mrs Edwards got me involved in the plans for trying to give all the chidlren the opportunity to come back to school before the end of the term. I must say - I'm really excited about the prospect of seeing many of the children back in school, even if it's just for a couple of days.

We've been really busy at school again this week and I had to laugh at Mrs Edwards on Wednesday when she opened the gates with a 5 litre container of a hand sanitiser tucked under her arm after refilling all the bottles outside classrooms. I'm sure I heard her say.. 'Is this the new norm?'. She's also had her hair cut... by her daughter, not me! I must admit to feeling rather insulted that she didn't ask me but have to admit that Rhian did a pretty good job. Hrmph.



Reception

In Reception this week, the children have been exploring and playing both inside and outside, both in school and at home, and made some amazing 'lift the flap' books that were inspired by the 'Dear Zoo' story. Wow Daniel - your independent writing about what you can see on a farm was also brilliant. The children also demonstrated some great throwing and catching skills in their PE lesson.

Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been encouraged by the Wildlife Trust to enjoy one wild thing every day this month. They also started the week with a spot the difference underworld image as it was World Oceans Day on Monday. I personally loved the Rockpool Ramble. Mrs Powell suggested that the children set out a picnic for the birds over the weekend and then set their own picnic up to see who might join them. I can't wait to read about who DID join you all! Well done to Amelie for making her creation about 'Love' following Mrs Fallon's assembly this week which was based on 'Caring and Kindness'.





Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at Ocean life as part of their topic this term was a task to write a Whale Diary. I really enjoyed reading Alekh's and Max's and also loved Oscar's tally chart of animals that he made with photos taken by his grandparents in Kenya. Luca, Charlotte and Marshall - your smoothies sound delicious. Thanks so much for sharing your recipes and trying the chocolate and banana one from the topic sheet. Well done to Theo Theo for making a rainbow jar for his Grandad last week.

Year 3

Year 3's topic continues to be Superstructures and I have been blown away by the Bridges and other superstructures you've been making from all sorts of resources. Matthew, your Golden Gate Bridge and Tower were fabulous, as was your bridge out of recycled materials. Miah, Oscar and Tom, I was really impressed to see that the bridges you made have a capacity of 8 cars. Hannah, thank you for making an Origami Stall and ensuring all donations go to the NHS. What a lovely idea!



Year 4

Misa, I love the fact that you and your friends have been making a Covid-19 Caterpillar called Woody out of stones - you've started on Woodberry Close and after 161 stones are hoping to get to Hemdean Road... which will take about 1000 stones in total. What a great community effort and challenge. Well done! Wow Freddie - it's brilliant that you keep catching the Fox on your camera trap and Lily, your project and presentation about our school community is really powerful. Thank you! Oscar, thank you for taking the time to make such a detailed poster of the Water Cycle.

Year 5

Year 5's topic continues to be 'It's All Greek to Me!' Fletcher, I really enjoyed reading your topic work and quiz about Ancient Greek Money. Isla, wow - thank you for sharing that Ancient Greek women could not leave the house without permission from their husbands. Mira, your Ancient Greek poster was really informative and you are quite right, the Greeks invented/developed many things that we use today and have influenced so many things in our lives in Science, Maths, Drama and our language.

Year 6

Many of the Year 6's have continued to be back at school and have been working with Mr Cook and Mrs Fraser to plan all the things they would like to do before the end of their time at The Heights. We've managed to book Bikeability Level 2 and 3 Courses for the week commencing 22nd June and the children are working on an end of year open-air production. Mr Cook has set them some 'Dragon's Den' Maths Challenges and we're looking at organising an 'It's a Knockout' inspired event. The Year 6s have spent time discussing their fears and excitement about moving to their Secondary Schools and have acted out different scenarios in preparation.

Thanks to Mrs Fallon

Thank you to Mrs Fallon for continuing her weekly Choir sessions on Zoom for children in Years 1 to 3 and for her moving assembly this week about Caring and Kindness.

Please keep sharing all your achievements and activities on Tapestry and Google Classroom – we all love reading about them.

Lots of bearhugs, Hector

