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HECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS



Achieving Success Promoting Individual
Responsibility and Excellence ~~for Bears~~

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, and Fellow Bears,



It's been a cold, but beautiful Autumnal week. I've had to borrow some clothes from Mrs Edwards to keep me warm.

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school after half-term and we're really pleased that we've been able to remain open as a school throughout this new Lockdown. The children are making the most of all their learning experiences and time at school and we even managed to have individual and sibling photos taken!

Reception

This week, we've continued to focus on Winter Festivals and have been looking at why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We've discussed fireworks and safety and have melted marshmallows on sticks and danced to firework music. We've enjoyed learning a firework poem and putting it to a tune. We've also continued to learn our Phase 2 Phonics and have been comparing amounts in Maths, using the terms 'fewer than' and 'the same' and 'more than'.



Year 1

This week we've been learning the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We've explored retelling the story, through a story map and have really enjoyed learning about how we can use adjectives and nouns to make sentences in the story even more interesting. In Science, we've become weather reporters to use our knowledge about clouds and weather to create our own weather diary. We've also started to learn about materials and their properties and have used vocabulary such as shiny, hard and soft to describe them. We really loved learning the rhyme 'Remember, Remember, The Fifth of November' and talking about why we say this rhyme.

Year 2

This week, we've started to read 'The Paperbag Princess' by Robert Munsch and are really enjoying learning about the characters of Ronald and Elizabeth. We've been learning to add and subtract multiples of 10 from 2 digit numbers in Maths and have completed our fabulous Dragon sketches as part of our topic work. In Geography, we've been learning about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom, identifying landmarks and geographical features and we've made posters about keeping safe on Bonfire Night using Google Docs.



Year 3

This week, we've been celebrating Parliament Week and focussed on developing our speaking and listening skills. We've had an introduction to democracy and learnt about what Parliament does. We then planned a mini notion to present and debate with others. In Maths, we've been looking at division and solving relevant word problems. Finally, in topic, we've been learning about the process of Mummification. We were pretty shocked to learn about how the various organs were removed!

Year 4

This week, we've looking at different types of non-fiction texts and practising our summarising skills. We've started our topic 'Animals Including Humans' in Science, and have been looking at how the human digestive system works. We've continued to work on internet safety, discussing how we should behave online and what we should do if we come across content that we are not comfortable with.

Year 5

This week, we've been writing our Beowulf adventure and using primary and secondary sources to research The Vikings. In Maths, we've continued our work on fractions, identifying equivalent fractions as well as missing numerators and denominators. In French, we've explored how letters in French are pronounced differently to ours and then used this information to speak French words and phrases with increasing accuracy.

Year 6

This week, we've been imagining we are an Officer from World War I, writing the army manual for 'How to Go Over The Top'. We have tried to make use of everything we've previously learnt in our English lessons regarding bullet points and imperative verbs to provide an historically accurate breakdown of the steps a soldier took before making an attack. We also focussed on how we pay respect to those who fell in War and explore the history of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

Congratulations to Eddy and his team on becoming League Champions in the Under 10 (Group A) Winter League 2019-20 for Caversham Lawn Tennis Club.

Children in Need



As a school, we will be supporting Children in Need next Thursday 12th November. The children can come into school in non-school uniform if they wish. Please can we ask that clothing and shoes are appropriate for the weather. If you would like to make a voluntary £1 donation, please can we ask that no cash is sent into school to ensure we are Covid safe. Donations should be made online at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-heights-primary>.

Dates for the Diary

Term 2 Starts	Monday 2 nd November
Children in Need Week & Reading Climate Week	Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th November
Year 5 & 6 SATS Zoom Meeting	Tuesday 10 th November 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Parent Consultations - 2DK ONLY	Wednesday 11 th November 4.40pm - 7.30pm
Parent Consultations - All Classes EXCEPT 2DK	Thursday 12 th November 4.40pm - 7.30pm
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	Friday 13 th November
Parent Consultations - All Classes	Wednesday 18 th November 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Flu Immunisations	Thursday 3 rd December
Panto Production in School - Wizard of Oz	Thursday 10 th December
Panto Production in School - Wizard of Oz	Friday 11 th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 th December

Lots of bearhugs,
Hector

