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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst the first days of our new term have been challenging for everyone, I would still like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2021. I do hope we can enjoy and celebrate the small positives in different ways each day!

Thank you so much for all the children's and your efforts and support with the home learning and the staff for all their hard work, both leading and delivering lessons at school and remotely. It has been lovely to see all the fabulous work and activities they are completing every day and how excited they are about their new topics this term.

Here's a flavour of what the children in each year group have been doing this week.

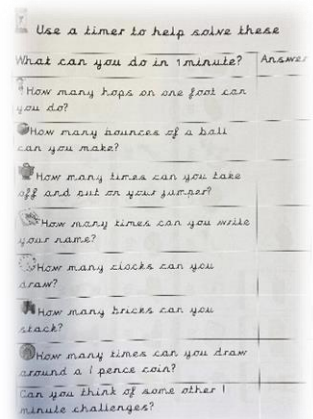
## Reception

In Reception this term, we are so excited that our new topic is Dinosaurs. In fact, Miss Nash says she loves dinosaurs so much that she has them on her lanyard! Molly got into the theme early and made some dinosaur shaped biscuits. We've been learning about sequencing this week and Mrs Edwards said she loved looking at the photos of many of us including Brodie, Wilbur, Kate, Angelina and Quinn drawing the sequence of making sandwiches and then actually making them. We also enjoyed learning about positional language and playing a game to put our knowledge into practice. Henry used 2 teddies and a table and chairs to demonstrate what he's learnt and Edie used her toys to place them on and in different things. Paul baked some biscuits, Kate was buzzing after Funky Feet Friday. Nelle make a floaty flower and Anika's 2D shapes made from sticks were fabulous! We do hope you all enjoyed the Zoom video that Mrs Fallon, Ruff, Hector and I sent to you this afternoon!



## Year 1

In Year 1 we've started our topic about Space. Oscar wore his NASA sweatshirt in anticipation! The teachers have read Cakes in Space to us and we're really looking forward to learning all about Space and starting to write our own Space Booklets next week. We enjoyed the different challenges on topic bingo, including making some Rock Cakes and rockets out of junk modelling. We also loved the timed Maths challenges this morning. How many of each of these things do you think you could do in a minute?



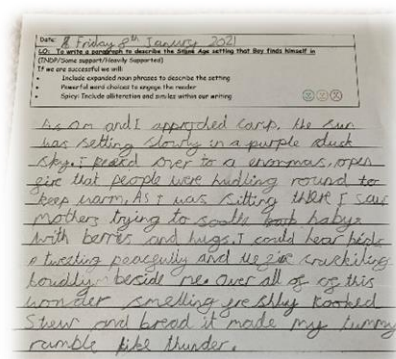


## Year 2

In Year 2 this term, it's all about Chocolate! Isn't that a great topic?! We started the week learning about and tasking different types of chocolate - white, milk and dark. What a fabulous start! We enjoyed the challenge of writing and performing chocolate poems to members of our family and Mrs Edwards was thrilled to see performances from Henry and Elsa on Google Classroom - what expression! We all loved Xander's chocolate factory drawing too. The Topic Bingo challenges were all so interesting that we found it hard to choose which to do! In PE, Emilia found the Dance Class 'really fun' and we've also enjoyed our Maths unit on the properties of 3D shapes.

## Year 3

Our New topic is the 'Stone Age'. We started by thinking about what we already know about this period and then created questions for what we'd like to learn. We've also started to read *The Stone Age Boy* together and enjoyed writing descriptive paragraphs linked to this. Look at Eva's work. In Maths, we've been exploring the place value of 3-digit numbers, placing them on number lines, ordering and comparing them using  $<$  and  $=$  and solving problems where numbers have been given in words. We all agreed that the number word mat challenge was great fun. In Science, we've been practising using the different muscle groups in our bodies and labelling them too!



## Year 4

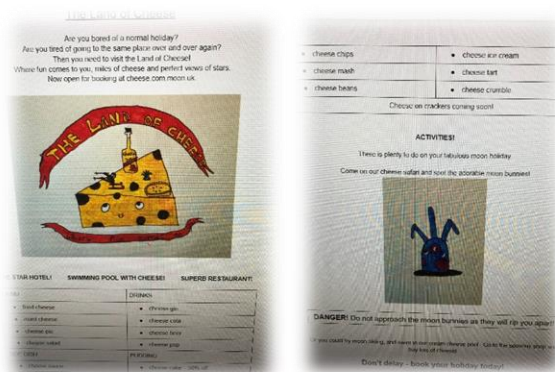
This term, our new topic is the Romans and Invasions. Like Year 3, we also started the topic discussing what we already know about the Romans and then thinking of what we would like to learn about this historical era. It was interesting finding out about the myth of Romulus and Remus and summarising it in our own words. We've been looking at how we can use personal and possessive pronouns in English and enjoyed the 'what happens next' challenge where we had to put this into practice. In Science, well done to Harry for creating a replica gas, liquid and solid and teaching your sister about them.

We've loved sharing jokes today including Matthew's question 'What's an egg's worst day?' - A Fryday! And Isaac's 'Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?' - Because she'll 'Let it go!'

## Year 5

Our new topic this term is 'To Infinity and Beyond'. We watched a hilarious episode of *Wallace and Gromit's 'A Grand Day Out'* on Monday - where they visited the moon to eat cheese. We used this to choose our own genre of writing to work on. Milla's 'Moon Holiday' brochure had Mrs Edwards in stitches!

In Maths, we've been focussing on multiplication and division of numbers up to 4 digits and applying our knowledge to answer different word problems. In Science, we've been looking at forces in action and identifying the forces that act on objects and in Geography we've been learning how to explore and use different maps. It was fun recalling the 7 continents, 5 main oceans and using an atlas to try and find different cities.



## Year 6

Our new topic about Native America has already completely captured our interest. We've used what we've learnt already to write some poetry and draw some portraits of Native Americans.

We've been focussing on the area of different shapes in Maths, including Triangles and Parallelograms and are really enjoying our daily drawing challenge. Today's challenge is to draw or sketch our favourite pair of shoes. We'll show you what we create in next week's Highlights!



## LIFE & GREED

I tread across the translucent river,  
The holy spirits calling me.  
The great soul of the pine trees' whispering in the air,  
I listen to the river running,  
I see the nimble rocks,  
Propelling on the current  
I care about the land greed is not for me

The pine and oak aura travelling through the wind,  
Gathering over a small campfire.  
Sagitts, finches, eagles hovering, over ten meters high,  
Families' all together watching the light,  
Cold soft breeze the fire still alight,  
I care about the land 'o' mother greed is not for me,

The distant cries of loss and pain,  
The constant Raids of Spanish, French, English  
Sioux clan growing,  
We fight for the spirits and for we stay,  
I care about the land greed is not for me