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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it's February already?! Spring is definitely on the way, with the days getting noticeably longer and daffodils starting to flower.

We've been celebrating Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week and really enjoyed his year's theme of 'Express Yourself'. After chatting with the children in our assemblies on Wednesday we agreed that we would all try to express ourselves today in the way we enjoy most. It has been lovely looking at all the photos of the children being creative and expressive and Mrs Fallon and I certainly made a few members of the public smile when we drove and walked to school (separately) in our Onesies.



Hector was taken home this week by one of our parents who is a nurse. He was gently bathed and operated on (he'd cut himself and needed stitches). He is fit and well again and smells divine! Thank you so much to Steffi!

Reception

This week in Reception, we were tasked with drawing and painting silhouettes of dinosaurs. Here are Toby, Ayeza and Lottie's dinosaurs.



Wilbur enjoyed painting with different water colours to make a moody sky. Edie painted a volcano for her T-Rex and Noemi made a stunning dinosaur.

We had a really fun Maths lesson drawing round our feet, cutting them out and then estimating and measuring the size of the different rooms around the house with them. Here are Kate's results.



We learned to read some tricky words this week with 'ure' and 'ur' sounds in Phonics and Harrison made a bird feeder with peanut butter and birdseed. Yum! That sounds delicious! We also enjoyed the numbers and quantities activity, going on a scavenger hunt around the garden to find, sort and count different things.

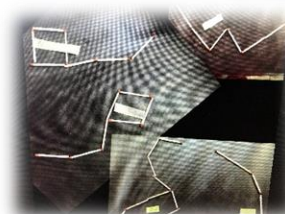
ROOM	Estimate	Actual
Kate	10	16
Bath	10	10
OFFICE	17	25
MUMS	20	26

Year 1

We've been working really hard to finish our fabulous Space Booklets this week. We found out what a contents page is, and why it's important and then created one for our booklets. Mark was able to explain the difference between an index and a contents page. We've also written our own stories about Laika the astronaut dog, and designed and made our own aliens. Here are Ethan G's and William D's.



We thoroughly enjoyed the last instalment of Last Cakes in Space and completing our work on grouping and sharing in Maths. We had loads of fun creating art splatter space paintings - look at Freya's painting and Aarika's constellations.



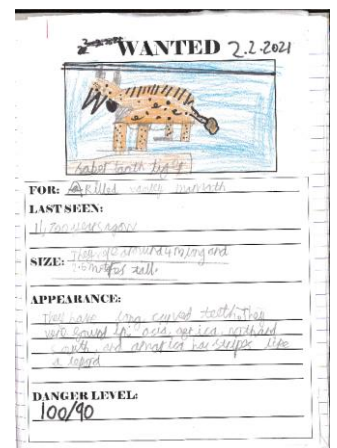
Year 2

This week, we've been learning about how animals grow in Science. Isn't it amazing how so many animals are so independent, just minutes and hours after they are born! We have really enjoyed creating and describing our own little monsters, like Grendel. Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon loved seeing Henry's during 2HK's Celebration Assembly yesterday. What a great idea about him being a storage monster Henry! They also said they loved hearing us read our stories about monsters, both in the assembly and in school. We enjoyed our first Choir session with Mrs Fallon this morning and our second PE session with Mrs Edwards after lunch. Boy, it's tricky learning to juggle! We've continued to build on our knowledge of fractions of shapes and numbers in Maths and we really loved completing one of the Topic Bingo activities - a tutorial on how to draw a cacao flower using oil pastels - here are some of our drawings!



Year 3

This week in our Science lesson we investigated which materials would be most reflective and why. We had to investigate a pan, sequins, kitchen tissue, metal and tape. It was really interesting and thought provoking. Max's investigation skills were awesome! Elliott, Toby and Charlotte demonstrated what a persevering Penguin is - they are working on his addition of pounds and pence. Well done all of you! Mrs Edwards also said she's super proud of us all, for posting such supportive messages of each others' work. In Computing, we continued to work on our work processing skills, comparing a day in the life of a Stone Age person. We also used our detective skills to look at the type of art that people in the Stone Age created, the materials and tools they used, and what it tells us about the life in the Stone Age. We were super excited to create our own 'Last Seen' - Wanted posters and write poetry about different animals that lived in the Stone Age. Here is Alekh's poster.



Year 4

This week, we've been concentrating on telling the time to the nearest minute and learning how to convert between digital and analogue clock times. Phew - it wasn't easy! We learned about the passive voice in English and practised our understanding of it by answering different questions. In Topic, we learned about what it was like to be a Roman soldier. Mrs Edwards said she loved our comments about the lesson, which clearly showed how interested we were in it. Did you know that a Roman soldier's sword was called a Gladius and that they lifted their shields over their heads for protection when fired at from above? They looked like tortoises! In Art we've been learning about Mosaics - here is Amelie's 'Party Dog' Mosaic.



Year 5

So this week, we've been calculating the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes. Doesn't that sound like something a Maths Professor would talk about?! Anyway, we nailed it! We were inspired by the Honda Science video and were amazed how much work goes into driving a car! The 'Marvellous Machines' task inspired us to create our own fabulous designs. Theo's video of his 'Bath Maker' was inspiring! In English we were tasked with character description writing - here's Abigail's.

Florida character description

Florida is a young girl who has big dreams of becoming a celebrity. She has curly, bushy red hair and a wonderful smile with shining white teeth. She has hazel eyes and is quite short. Despite all her looks, she is very bad tempered, and if she decides something you normally have no choice but to do it. Magazine mad, Florida knows about many celebrities and spends a whopping amount of money on the magazines every month. With great talent, Florida attends little stars drama class, which she really enjoys, and regularly gets the lead part. Florida is very materialistic, and is all over getting her photo taken. All she really cares about is how she looks, so could possibly treat other people a bit better. However, she is still very likeable and has lots of friends. Having lots of self confidence, Florida always thinks herself the best.

Year 6

Our daily drawing challenges have continued to inspire us. Look at Greti's Fungi and Thom's 'Navajo Boy' in the style of T C Cannon.

We've been learning about light and prisms in Science and how lights is refracted. We've enjoyed researching Sir Isaac Newton and his discoveries. We were also stunned to learn that The Great Wall of China is slowly shrinking as people who live in small villages along the length of the wall often take bricks from it to build houses!

In Maths, we learned to reflect shapes and points in mirror lines. Mrs Edwards apparently loves this kind of work.



Welcome

Please join us in welcoming two new members of staff who have joined the Heights team this week. Mrs Nicholls is working with Year 6 and Mrs Van Schie is our new SENCO and covering Mrs Mullaney's Maternity Leave.

Parent Class Reps

I will be holding a Zoom meeting for Parent Class Reps at 1.45pm next Monday. If you have any questions or constructive feedback, please pass these on to your Class Rep no later than first thing Monday morning.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for signing up for meetings with your child's classteacher. Consultations will take place next week and you still have time to book an appointment via ParentMail if you haven't yet done so.

Have a great weekend everyone and stay safe and well.

Mrs Edwards