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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it really feels like Spring has arrived. The Daffodils are blooming left, right and centre and we have even had some warm sunshine this week.

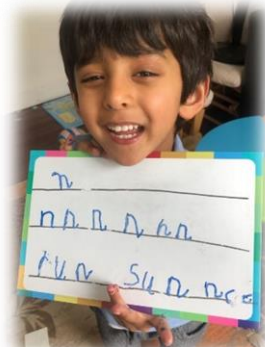
The days are getting longer and... the children are returning to school in just over a week's time. We can't wait to welcome everyone back!

Here's a summary of what we've been doing this week.



Reception

We've been learning about and celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight and Nell made some delicious Brownies with her Dad as a result. We've been busy in Maths, learning about number bonds to 20, capacity, finding shapes and making pyramid shapes. Here's Edie and Toby's square based pyramid with magnetic blocks. We've been learning to write and use the letter 'n' in words and reading and matching sentences to pictures.



Year 1

It was really nice starting this week by writing a recount of something we did over half term. Mrs Edwards told us a funny story in our assembly on Wednesday. She tripped over a root when running in the woods with her dog during half term and fell flat on her face and tummy in some mud! We tried not to giggle when she told us! As well as the recount, we had great fun designing and writing about the 'Ultimate Cake' - Cakes In Space. Charlie's was soooo impressive, as was his fabulous papier mache planet. We've been looking at the different parts of a plant in Science and learning to label them and really enjoyed observing and drawing some daffodils in Art. We've spent time recalling number bonds to twenty and beyond and looking at and seeing the link between number bonds and subtraction facts. Mrs Powell's jam sandwich robot made us laugh out loud - what a mess he made! It certainly helped us think out our instructional writing!



Year 2

We have had sooo much fun this week! We've learned about Fairtrade and made our own Banana Splits and Lemonade following a Fairtrade recipe. They were delicious and Charlotte even served her Banana Splits to her grandparents, who loved them! Amelie also loved both making and drinking the Lemonade, as did Joe.

In Maths, we've been looking at time and loved the challenge of making a Fairtrade Secret Agent Biscuit Clock. Look at Joe and Anna's Clocks and Paloma's Lemonade!



Year 3

We've started learning about a new historical period called the Bronze Age this week. This follows on from our focus on the Stone Age last term. Our comprehension on 'Why it might take a while to fill the bath if a Woolly Mammoth is thirsty' was really interesting and fun! We enjoyed creating a timeline of key events and dates about the Stone Age and in Science, we explored how shadows can change.

In Maths, we've been revising how to tell the time past the hour and in Art we had fun creating Woolly Mammoths from a milk carton. Here are Mammoths made by Dom, Lucas and Luca.



Year 4

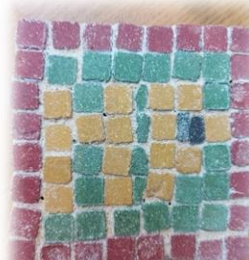
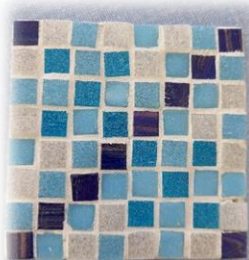
This week we've been learning about aqueducts and the structures used by the Romans to transport water to cities. We've really enjoyed designing our own aqueducts and can't wait to actually make them next week! In Topic, we've been learning about the earth's layers and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius by watching a video and creating our own volcano experiment by following the instructions (here's volcanoes from Oliver and the Key Worker Bubble). In Maths, we've worked on line graphs and bar charts and started a new topic of electricity in Science. In English, we've been learning how to describe a setting in one paragraph, using fronted adverbial mat description word mat to help us. Here is Matthew's description of a Tropical Island! Thank you so much to the teachers for the Mosaic Kits. We really enjoyed making them over half-term. Here are Mosaics from Alex, Charis and George.



Tropical Island

On a tropical deserted island lays a lonely beach. Between the sea and the sky, the golden sand feels as soft as a cotton wool. The magnificent palm tree sways in the breeze with a gentle brushing sound. The sea is calm and the crystal clear water is as warm as a jacuzzi. The scorching midday sun burns down, with only the palm tree providing shade. The bright blue sky is dotted with tiny clouds and the horizon is barely visible where it joins the sea.

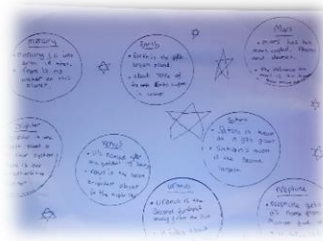
The only smell is the salty sea that can be tasted on the tip of your tongue. It is a beautiful place for relaxation and quiet time.



Year 5

We're continuing to enjoy our 'To Infinity and Beyond' Space topic as you can see by some of our presentations about the planets in our Solar System. Look at Ava and Sophie's Solar Systems. We also found out all sorts of interesting information about gravity - here's Luke's. Isn't it fascinating that the tides in the oceans are caused by the moon's gravity?

We've focussed on calculating unknown angles in different shapes in Maths and have started looking at mountain ranges in Geography and how they are displayed on maps. George was able to tell everyone on the stream that contour lines tell people how steep land is. Thanks to Misa for your positive messages. I particularly liked 'Smile at Life'. I am smiling right now! We had fun writing paragraphs about Alien Invasions from what we saw in photos, which helped us plan our stories and newspapers articles about an invasion.



- Gravity is by far the weakest force we know
- Gravity makes waves that move at light speed
- If there was no gravity we would fall right off earth's surface and float away
- The more matter something has the greater the force of its gravity
- The gravitational pull of an object depends on how big it is and how close it is from the other object
- Gravity was first mathematically described by Isaac Newton in 1666
- Gravity is also the force that keeps the earth in orbit around the sun
- High and low tides in the ocean are caused by the moon's gravity



Year 6

It's been a really interesting week from creating our own obstacle courses at home, to writing scripts and dialogues about dripping taps, finding averages in Maths and drawing geometry in plants and rear portraits. Here's artwork from Tara and Joshua.

We've particularly enjoyed analysing and responding to short films in English and have just started to concentrate on the geographical features of North America starting with the different bodies of water.



Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Edwards