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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks seem to be racing by and it's already the middle of May! We've had another full, fun packed week and really enjoyed World Book/Pyjama Day. The children's outfits and PJ's were brilliant and drew some smiles from passers by when they (and the staff) were in the Park and on the Tarmac at break and lunch.



Reception

We have been so excited about our learning this week. We've been working hard on our Phonics sounds and used our Phonics knowledge to help us independently write parts of the story of The Enormous Turnip. Mrs Edwards came and saw our writing and was really impressed! We've also been looking at coins, discussing their value and seeing how many pennies make ten pence. We've finished our turnip collages and are looking forward to bringing them home and enjoyed sorting vegetables into those that grow above and beneath the soil.

Year 1

This week, we have been sharing and reading Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We've explored new vocabulary and created our own word bank to help us write postcards to our families. In Maths, we've continued to look at larger numbers and what the digits represent. We've explored whether we can partition numbers in different ways, counting backwards in ones and tens and sequencing numbers. In Geography, we have been exploring large maps and learning about the hot and cold parts of our planet. We've located the continents in these areas and discovered more about the Northern and Southern Hemisphere. We've learned about which animals might live in different parts of the world and why. In Art, we've been learning to blend paint and practice our cutting skills to create an African sunset scene, complete with animal silhouettes.

Year 2

Following on from our amazing letters last week, we have created pop up books inspired by 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley!' We thought about what other animals could have swallowed Stanley and wrote our own description of them. We then created a pop up page to add to the story. In Maths, we've been consolidating our subtraction work, using partitioning and empty number lines. We then moved on to solving missing number sentences. In Computing, we have continued our programming work using Logo and in PSHE we've been using baby photos and photos of us now, to look at how we've changed. We will use this to try and draw a picture of what we might look like when we are older.

Year 3

This week in English, we've applied our learning about newspapers and their purpose to plan our own newspaper report about the school trip from 'Iggy Peck, Architect'. We've really enjoyed being journalists for the week. In Maths, we've continued to focus on fractions, finding fractions of different quantities and numbers and recognising simple equivalent fractions. We've been designing a template for our superstructure prints and are really looking forward to creating them over the next couple of weeks.

Year 4

This week we've been learning about cartography and loved walking around Caversham, plotting OS symbols onto a map. It was fun to learn more about the area we live in. Betsy said that seeing all the goslings and ducklings was the best part of her week! In English, we've had a great time writing rhyming poems and learning some rhyming poems by heart in preparation for a recital in a few weeks' time. In Maths, we've been adding and subtracting fractions, including where the fractions go over a whole and have enjoyed playing games to apply this knowledge.



Year 5

This week, we've been creating our own Greek myth in the style of ancient creation stories. We explored the legend of how Zeus and the Gods overcame their father, Kronos, to rule over Mount Olympus. We've been comparing and ordering whole numbers with up to 2 decimal places in Maths, and in Science, identifying the changes to male and female bodies as they reach puberty. We were really interested to learn about the importance of fasting in Islam in our RE lesson and discussed how this is a demonstration of commitment. Jack blew us away with his Show and Tell when he played his electric guitar. Mrs Thomas was so impressed that she invited Mrs Edwards, Mrs Fallon and all the office staff to an impromptu performance by him!



Year 6

We had great fun creating our own descriptive Mr Men stories this week, which explored positive, neutral and negative personality traits and how they interact with each other. Attached are some excerpts from some of our stories and we hope you enjoy them as much as Mrs Edwards did when we read them to her. We've been consolidating our understanding of ratio in Maths and in topic have been looking at the history and evolution of the television.

Dates for the diary

Vision Screening - Reception	Monday 17 th May and Monday 24 th May
Class Photos	Thursday 27 th May
Last Day of Term	Friday 28 th May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Start of Term 6	Monday 7 th June

Year 4 Visit to Oxford Story Museum	Wednesday 16 th June
Year 3 Lego Superstructures Workshop	Friday 18 th June
Whole School Photo	Monday 21 st June
Year 5 Bikeability (details TBC)	Tues 22 nd June to Fri 25 th June and Tues 29 th June - Fri 2 nd July
Sports Day - Reception & Key Stage 1	Wednesday 7 th July (morning)
Sports Day - Key Stage 2	Friday 9 th July (morning)
Year 6 to Skern Lodge	Friday 16 th July to Monday 19 th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 16th July

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards