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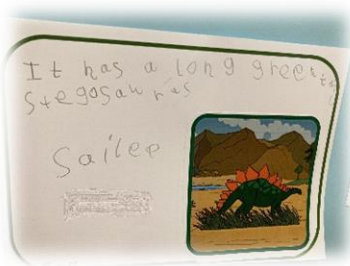
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by. Haven't we had the most stunning full moons? Thank you SO much for your support of the Bags2School scheme. I don't know if you saw, but the stack of bags nearly blocked out the office window on Wednesday morning. Cath, Aileen and Tam briefly felt like they were in a bunker. You helped us by raising a fantastic £294.40 from 736kg of clothes and shoes etc!



Reception

In Reception this week, we continued our Dinosaur topic by exploring the different kinds of dinosaurs and learning fun facts about them. We created dinosaur silhouette art, junk modelling and have also written sentences about dinosaurs. In Phonics, we learnt two new digraphs, sh and th and in Maths, we've looked at the number 7, how it is represented and how we form our number bonds.

Year 1

In Year 1, we've continued to learn about our solar system this week, with a particular focus on Jupiter and the Moon and have really enjoyed finishing our recreations of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' painting using pastels. We've been looking at the key features of non-fiction texts and had a go at writing our own non-chronological report. In Maths, we've revisited 3D shapes and their properties and started to look at capacity and volume. We had a lovely walk around the playing fields, looking for seasonal changes and recording our findings. It's really interesting comparing these with our Autumn walk. We've been starting to learn how to play hockey with Performance Sports in PE and use our bodies to make different shapes and link a series of movements together in Dance!

Year 2

We've been investigating the types of environments in which cocoa trees grow and learning about the journey of chocolate, from bean to supermarket shelf this week. It's been really interesting! Following on from our Grendel work last week, we've been thinking of adjectives we can use to describe Grendel, using conjunctions to add further information to our descriptions. We then used these to write character descriptions. In Maths, we've moved on to learning about money up to £1. We've identified coins, calculated totals, showed different combinations to make the same amount, compared amounts using < and > or = + and have learnt how to calculate change up to £1. Phew!

Year 3

This week, we've been learning how Stone Age people survived in such tough living conditions. It was really fun thinking up and designing a useful weapon and then creating an advert to explain why it's needed. We've continued to use our class text (The Stone Age Boy) to inspire our writing and have drafted, edited and published our own version of the feast scene. In Maths, we've been adding and subtracting, using a variety of strategies. These included using number lines to add 2 pairs of two-digit numbers together, then subtracting multiples of 10. We finished the week by focusing on counting up to find the difference. In Science, we've

been investigating whether there is a pattern between the size of hands and size of feet and in IT we've been writing code to complete a maze.

Year 4

Ooh. We were set a Times Table Rock Star challenge between the two Year 4 classes this week. It ends at 8.30am on Monday and we're really excited to learn whether Birch or Rowan have won! In topic, we've been learning about Julius Caesar's attempted invasion of Britain and developing our chronological understanding of British, local and world history. We're really enjoying our Roman dance lessons and using dance to interpret the movements of the Roman army. In English, we've been finishing our myths, after choosing our own heroes and mythical creatures. We had to write a dilemma and choose to end our myths happily or tragically. Our Science lessons continue to be really interesting, and we've been investigating how materials change state between solid, liquid and gas and how the arrangement of their particles depends on their state. We've also been looking at freezing and melting points. It's a shame we weren't able to reach the temperatures required to melt Mrs Dimmick's wedding ring but the butter, ice cream and chocolate certainly demonstrated changes of state very well for us!



Year 5

It was really lovely for all of us in Chestnut class to be back in school on Tuesday and to welcome back Mrs Thomas on Wednesday! In English, we've really enjoyed learning more about NASA and considering what skills a person would need to be included on a mission to Mars. We've been practising our persuasive writing by drafting an advert to recruit astronauts for the pioneering journey! In Science, we've been discussing Galileo's experiment of gravity and reflecting on what we can learn from this. We've also planned and carried out an investigation into air resistance. In Art, we've been using chalks and pastels to create a picture in the style of Peter Thorpe and in Computing, we've started to use Scratch to begin making the animation, quiz or game we've been designing over the past two weeks.

Year 6

As we continue our analysis and exploration of Native American written and inspired poetry, we've been looking at the epic Song of Hiawatha. We've learned about meter and how it can change the feel of a piece and analysed the story within the poem to link it to our learning of the arrival of Europeans on the Continent. We've also been looking at the way of life in a traditional Native American settlement and the variety of traditions found throughout the vast range of people living on the Continent before Europeans arrived. We've explored pastel work in Art and created portraits of Native American tribes people using various different techniques to blend and shade. We're really proud of them! In PE, we've continued to work on our Hockey skills with Performance Sports.



Cross Country

It was a freezing, foggy morning at Shiplake College last Saturday. Nonetheless, we had a fabulous turnout of enthusiastic runners! They were amazing and I was incredibly proud of them all. Congratulations to the following:

Year 1

Angelina (who came 1st), Emilia, Lois and JonJo

Year 2

Thomas (3rd), Ethan (4th), Tess, Noah, Percy and Aurelia

Year 3

James, Lewis, Zara and Paloma (3rd)

Year 4

Holly, Tara, Cara, Charlotte, Reece and TJ

Year 6

Joe, Oscar, and Finn who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Year 6 Presentations

A number of our Year 6 pupils presented their World War 1 research projects to their parents and some of our Governors on Tuesday in the main hall. They had all clearly put a great deal of time and effort into their presentations, which were very impressive.

Twitter

The school has a Twitter Feed - please follow [@AtHeadteacher](#) for updates!

Parent Consultations

Dates have been set for Parent Consultations in March, please see below. Further details will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Dates for the Diary

Heights & Weights - Reception (School Nursing Team)	Tuesday 8 th February
Virtual Reality Experience - Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 1 st March
Winchester Science Centre - Year 5	Monday 7 th March
Winchester Science Centre - Year 1 (Details to follow)	Tuesday 8 th March
Earth Trust Visit - Year 3 (Details to follow)	Tuesday 22 nd March
Parent Consultations All classes EXCEPT Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan & Maple	Tuesday 22 nd March 16:40-19:30
Parent Consultations ONLY Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan and Maple	Thursday 24 th March 16:40-19:30
Parent Consultations ALL Classes	Tuesday 29 th March 15:40-18:00
Additional INSET Day (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Monday 6 th June

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards