



HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to enjoy some fabulous family time together over half-term. It was lovely hearing the children's tales of where they've been and what they'd been doing throughout the week. There's been so much to celebrate this week! It's been St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Fairtrade Fortnight, and of course World Book Day yesterday. Thank you for helping the children come dressed in some very clever and imaginative outfits. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Reception

This week in Reception, we've been reading 'The Three Little Pigs' and can't wait to learn the actions to it and perform to you later this term. In Phonics, we've been revising the Phase 3 vowel digraphs 'ai', 'ee', 'igh' and 'oa' and practising our letter formation beginning with our ladder letters. In Maths, we've started to explore building and construction and have been adding to ten by building towers. We've discussed St David's Day and how it's celebrated and talked about relationships we have with our families and what jobs we do in them.



Year 1

We're really excited about our trip to the Winchester Science Centre next week and have been thinking about the questions we'd like to ask the experts in the Planetarium. We've been looking closely at seeds and bulbs and thinking about what we'd like to find out about these during our new Science topic of 'Plants and Growth'. We've been revising our number bond knowledge in Maths and looking at how to solve problems using addition and subtraction. In English, we had fun creating our own middle and end to a story start provided by our teachers and we loved World Book Day! In Geography, we looked at what is meant by Fairtrade with a particular focus on bananas and in DT we've been designing and making our own paper plate planets. Hasn't it been a great week?!



Year 2

What a busy and fantastic first week back we have had in Year 2! We launched Fairtrade Fortnight by learning all about Fairtrade and what it means. We then used Fairtrade products to create our own incredible banana splits - absolutely delicious! Later in the week, we investigated instruction texts and wrote up our own recipes for banana splits. As part of our chocolate topic, we had a visit from Professor Andrew Daymond from Reading University. He told us all about the university's project on growing cacao trees and he also showed us a 4 month old cacao sapling as well as the flowers, pods and beans from a cacao tree. We learnt so much more about the origins of chocolate!

On Tuesday, we journeyed into some rainforests around the world through our Virtual Reality workshop! We had to look out for a huge tarantula, some cute sloths and a very cheeky chimpanzee! After that, we moved on to

investigating some Mayan Ruins and learned a bit about their history as well. All of that, along with using our



knowledge of fractions to decorate pizzas and take part in some exciting science experiments to warm up for our Science Fortnight that begins next week! We are definitely looking forward to that too!

Year 3

This week we started a new story called 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. First we answered questions, then we created our own Woolly Mammoth using recycled milk cartons. Don't they look amazing?! In guided reading, we read an extract from 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl and really thought about the language he used to describe the setting before writing our own 'power of three' sentences to describe a different setting. In Maths, we've begun a new unit of learning on 'Time'. We've also been learning how to read and write numbers in Roman numerals and what the equivalent analogue and digital times (am and pm) are. In Topic, we've moved on to the Bronze Age and have started to learn about the differences in life compared to the Stone Age and created a timeline to show chronology.



Year 4

We've had a pretty exciting week which started with another Times Table Rock Stars battle between our two classes. Will Birch prove they can beat Rowan or will Rowan retain their crown? All will be revealed next Monday 7th March. In Maths, we have 'nailed' our fractions. We can now add fractions with the same denominator and show improper fractions with the same denominator and show improper fractions as both mixed numbers and improper fractions. In English, we've been looking at suspense stories and trying to develop and build tension to keep readers 'interested' in our stories. Yesterday, we didn't want to stop writing our stories and can't wait to share them with you! In Science, we've started to explore our new topic 'Sound'. We're learning how sound travels, and had fun exploring the school site to measure noise levels. In History, we've been continuing our study of ancient Rome and its impact on technology and culture. We've looked at Roman music and then explored a famous folk song from the Middle Ages and why folk songs were passed down through generations. In our Computing lesson, we were introduced to the technique of stop-motion and are excited about our stop-motion project this term. We're also very excited about our trip to the Story Museum in Oxford on 5th April.

Year 5

In English, we really embraced reading this week. We took ownership of creating our own books; brainstorming the genre, content and layout, before planning, drafting and publishing them. In Maths, we've continued to add fractions and use our knowledge of converting fractions so that they have the same denominator, before adding the numerators. We also worked with mixed numbers, adding the whole numbers first. In Science, we've been learning about rotation of the Earth, to explain day and night and we had really interesting discussion about time zones. In Computing, we've been using the Chromebooks to start a research project on either Frank Sinatra, Jazz or music in the 1950's and 1960's.

Year 6

We've been analysing and identifying features of newspaper reports this week and will use this to plan and write our own report based on the myths and legends we explored before half term. In Maths, we've been carrying on with our work on statistics, exploring the various averages that can be found from raw data and how these can be used in different scenarios. In Topic, we've been focusing on the geography of North America, most specifically on the different bodies of water both surrounding and within the



continent. We've also been exploring Haida Art, originating from the indigenous people of the north west coast of North America. Here are some pictures inspired by the Native American Artist T.C. Cannon who fuses native American people in European settler clothing and settings in bright, bold and vivid colours. We examined its distinctive features, including animals, ovoids and trigons. In Science, we're focusing on Electricity this term and in Computing we've been exploring how to put links and buttons into our website.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Theo Kniep who has been selected to play Table Tennis for England as an U13 in a number of international events over the next few months!



Cross Country Events & Trials/Practice

As you may be aware, we have been invited to a Year 3/4 and 5/6 Cross Country competition/event at Emmer Green Primary. These will take place after school on 6th and 7th April. Mr Ellison and I will be holding a trial/practice after school for all children who are interested in taking part. Please note that we can only take 12 girls and 12 boys for each year group event.

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 18th March and we're looking forward to some fun. If you would like to make a donation to this fundraiser, you can do so here. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-heights-primary-red-nose-day>

Twitter

The school has a Twitter Feed - please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Half Term	Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February
Winchester Science Centre - Year 5	Monday 7 th March
Winchester Science Centre - Year 1	Tuesday 8 th March
Year 2 SATS & Maths Information Session for Parents	Tuesday 8 th March 5.30-6.30pm
Professor Bubbleworks Workshop Day 1	Tuesday 8 th March
Professor Bubbleworks Workshop Day 2	Wednesday 9 th March
Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 9 th March 6.00-7.00pm
PTFA Quiz Night	Friday 11 th March 7.30pm
Year 2 Chocolate Workshop	Monday 14 th March
Science Week	Monday 14 th March
Red Nose Day - Comic Relief	Friday 18 th March
World Down Syndrome Day - Non-Uniform Day	Monday 21 st March
Sustrans Big Wheel and Walk Week	From Monday 21 st March
Living Eggs Programme	Monday 21 st March - Thursday 21 st March
Earth Trust Visit - Year 3	Tuesday 22 nd March
Parent Consultations ONLY Holly	Monday 21 st March 4.00-6.20pm
Parent Consultations All classes EXCEPT Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan & Maple	Tuesday 22 nd March 4.40-7.30pm
Parent Consultations ONLY Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan and Maple	Thursday 24 th March 4.40-7.30pm
Parent Consultations ALL Classes EXCEPT Holly	Tuesday 29 th March 3.40-6.00pm

Year 4 Trip to Oxford Story Museum	Tuesday 5 th April
Year 3/4 X Country Event at Emmer Green Primary	Wednesday 6 th April 3.30-4.45pm
Year 5/6 X Country Event Emmer Green Primary	Thursday 7 th April 3.30-4.45pm
I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here Fundraising Event	Friday 8 th April - am
Additional INSET Day (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Monday 6 th June

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards