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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a fabulous week, centered on all things relating to Science. The children in Year 5 and 1 had wonderful days out to the Winchester Science Centre on Monday and Tuesday and the children loved the Mr Bubbleworks assemblies and workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday. Many thanks to all the staff who organised these great curriculum enriching experiences.

## Reception

This week in Phonics, we've been learning the Phase 3 digraphs, 'ow' and 'oi'. They're pretty tricky so we've really appreciated being able to practice them with our sound books at home. We're enjoying our focus on building and construction which fits in with us learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We've started to learn the actions for the story and draw them on story maps. We've also begun a Cityscape picture and can't wait to go on our trip to Legoland after Easter. Mums - please can you come to our Mother's Day Workshop (for a surprise) of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm?



## Year 1

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Winchester Science Centre and writing our recounts of it. We've also shared the story of 'Here Come the Aliens' by Colin McNaughton, which is really funny and helped spark our imaginations as we designed and described our own aliens. Mr Bubbleworks's workshop was brilliant and we also planted seeds as part of our plant topic and learning how to program with Scratch Junior. It's been quite a week!

## Year 2

We have really enjoyed our work on Fairtrade. We started the week following instructions to make Fairtrade lemonade. After looking at how to proof read and improve our instructional writing, we used this to write our own set of instructions for an 'ever lasting gobstopper' based on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. In Maths, we completed our work on fractions and then enjoyed using our skills to complete cross-curricular work on data collection, interpreting data, weighing and measuring. In Computing, we've been building on our previous work to create a chocolate inspired document.



## Year 3

Following on from making our Woolly Mammoths out of plastic recycled milk cartons, we planned and have started to write our instructions based on 'How to make a Woolly Mammoth'. We're really looking forward publishing and sharing these with you. In Maths, we've been continuing to learn about time and now feel so much more confident telling the time to the nearest minute part of the hour and using both a 24 hour and digital clock. Aside from the exciting workshop with Mr Bubbleworks, we've continued our unit of work on 'Light' and have been learning why the sun can be dangerous and how we can protect ourselves.

## Year 4

Following on from our work on fractions last week, we've been converting mixed numbers and improper fractions. We've also been making the link between fractions and decimals before we move on to decimals next week. We made a great start on our introduction to suspense writing last week. This week we've been developing our use of different length sentences, in an attempt to increase the impact of short sentences when they're used. We've also been looking into pathetic fallacy and how this can be used to create a mood in writing. In Science, we've been learning how different sounds travel and describing how vibrations make sounds, how vibrations change when sounds get louder and how loud and quiet sounds travel to ears. In our topic work, we've enjoyed finding out about Roman Roads and how and why they were built. It was really fun locating Roman Roads on a map of Britain!



## Year 5

We had such fun at the Winchester Science Centre on Monday. Thank you SO much to all the staff for organising the trip and to the parents who volunteered their time to support on it. We then had our Mr Bubbleworks workshop on Tuesday which was brilliant! We're loving Science Fortnight! In Maths, we've moved on to subtracting fractions, mixed numbers and crossing a whole and have found that bar models and numbers can really support our learning. PSHE has been really interesting as we've continued our work on Fairtrade and looked at and discussed working condition priorities, both in the UK and around the world.

## Year 6

This week, we've continued to work on our newspaper reports, writing up and editing our versions of the Trojan Horse Story. In our topic work, we've been exploring the physical geography of North America and learned some of the key vocabulary surrounding habitats and biomes. There is such a vast diversity of nature on the North American continent and we've started to uncover the features that differentiate between them. In Art, we've been exploring the more modern artwork from North America, Pop Art, focussing on the work of artists like Andy Warhol. We can see the stark contrast of it to more classical pieces, yet draw comparisons to the vivid colour and geometry of the Native American artwork that we have studied previously. In Computing, we've been learning how to make use of both ordered and unordered lists on our web pages and in Science, we've had great fun exploring electricity, by creating circuits ourselves.



## New Climbing Structure

Thank you SO much to the PTFA and you all for funding this really exciting climbing structure. The children are LOVING playing on it!



## The Heights Appeal

Thank you also for your incredible, generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal which we launched yesterday morning. The comments are heartening and very much appreciated. If you would like to donate, the link is here: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022)

## I'm a Headteacher

The date of our fundraiser 'I'm a Headteacher, Get Me Out of Here!' has been changed to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May to allow for warmer (and hopefully dry!) weather.

## Quiz Night

I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you tonight at our first Quiz Night and evening function, here on our permanent site. Huge thanks to Russ and Kathy Brown, Karen Roach and all the other parent volunteers who have worked so hard to organise it. I'm sure it's going to be great fun!



## Red Nose Day - Comic Relief

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Villije

One of our parents has recently launched an app called Villije, which is a community mobile app that helps you find activities, reviewed by friends, family and parents in your area. Often, the best recommendations are from school gate conversations with parents and carers of similar aged children and Villije replicates the school-gate community in an accessible and convenient way. You can download the app from Google play or the App store by searching for 'Villije'. Please see your ParentMail for further details.

## Twitter

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

## Dates for the Diary

Half Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
PTFA Quiz Night	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm
Year 2 Chocolate Workshop	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Science Week	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Red Nose Day - Comic Relief	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
World Down Syndrome Day - Non-Uniform Day	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Sustrans Big Wheel and Walk Week	From Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Living Eggs Programme	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March - Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Earth Trust Visit - Year 3	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Parent Consultations <b>ONLY Holly</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 4.00-6.20pm
Parent Consultations <b>All classes EXCEPT Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan &amp; Maple</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 4.40-7.30pm
Parent Consultations <b>ONLY Holly, Elm, Hawthorn, Rowan and Maple</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 4.40-7.30pm
Reception Mothers' Day Workshop	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm
Parent Consultations <b>ALL Classes EXCEPT Holly</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 3.40-6.00pm
Year 4 Trip to Oxford Story Museum	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3/4 X Country Event at Emmer Green Primary	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm
Year 5/6 X Country Event Emmer Green Primary	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm
<b>I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here Fundraising Event</b>	<b>CHANGE OF DATE - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Additional INSET Day (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Edwards'.

Mrs Edwards