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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hasn't it been a glorious Spring week? We have all really enjoyed the lovely warm weather, particularly when our Year 3 children went on their trip to The Earth Trust on Tuesday. The Living Eggs experience has been amazing and the children have loved following the hatching of the chicks and then watching how quickly they develop and grow. Many thanks to Joe for helping choose all their names!

Thank you for all your efforts and support of Sustrans Walk and Wheel event this week and for your

support of World Down Syndrome Day on Monday. We really appreciate your generous support for both this charitable day and Red Nose Day last week, where we raised over £1000.



Reception

In Phonics this week, we've been learning the Phase 3 digraphs 'ure' and 'er'. We've continued to practice our story of 'The Three Little Pigs', through actions and in Maths, we've been building on our learning on doubling. We were so excited to invite and have our Mums come into class this afternoon. They said they LOVED the pre-Mothers Day surprise!

Year 1

This week, we've really enjoyed researching and learning about astronaut Tim Peak and what it was like living in Space. We've using all the information we've gathered to create our own fact files. We also loved having some of the children in Year 5, come and share their research projects on NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson with us. She was such an inspirational woman! In Maths, we've been revisiting time and building on our knowledge and use of language relating to dates, including the days of the week and months of the year. In Science, we've returned to our plant topic and recorded our observations on how our beans are growing in our bean diary.

Year 2

We've started to plan and write an explanation text on the life cycle of a cacao plant. To help with this, we looked at our new class book called 'No Monkeys, No Chocolate' which gave us a better understanding of what the features of an explanation text are. We also had fun pretending to be TV presenters and creating a segment on the life cycle of the cacao plant. In Maths, we've continued our work on Time and in our IT lessons, we've made really good progress on our Google slides document.

Year 3

We had an amazing trip to The Earth Trust on Tuesday. The weather was gorgeous and we used our experiences to write a recount of the trip. Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers who organised and helped on it. In Maths, we've been continuing our work on statistics and in Science, we've been learning about the life cycle of chickens and have loved visiting the incubator and chicks. In our topic work, we're now studying the Iron Age and have been learning about roundhouses and annotating our own drawing of one. We're looking forward to designing our own clay pot, inspired by the Beaker People's historical designs.



Year 4

This week, we've spent time finishing our suspense stories. We really enjoyed bringing them to a climax and ending them on a cliff hanger to keep our readers guessing. Mrs Edwards says she can't wait to read some of them. In Maths, we've been focussing on hundredths as decimals and learning how to divide 2-digit numbers by 100 to give an answer to 2 decimal places. Our teachers have said how impressed they are with the progress we've made since our first unit of work on sound by making string telephones. It was really interesting to learn how sound gets quieter over distance and why. In Gymnastics, we've been learning how to move from a lunge into a cartwheel and in History, we've been researching Roman Gladiators using the Chromebooks and are really looking forward to designing and making our own chariots in the coming weeks. Our Stop-Motion projects are really coming along. Do have a look at our Google Classroom stream to see some of the progress we've been making.



Year 5

This week, we've been working on adding tension to and up-levelling our writing, brainstorming lots of ideas and using powerful vocabulary. In Science, we've been describing the Sun, Earth and Moon as spherical bodies and looking at evidence that supports this. We've also been considering why some people believe the Earth is not spherical. In Geography, we've used potatoes as mountains, cutting them up and drawing around the slices to better understand how contour lines represent how steep an incline is. In Maths, we finished our unit on fractions, learning about fractions of an amount and using fractions as operators.



Year 6

We've really enjoyed focussing on our oral literacy skills and developing clear and persuasive arguments. We loved planning and preparing an argument on one side of a topic and then taking part in a civil debate with our peers. It was pretty challenging developing points and counter points and learning how to communicate our side clearly and calmly. In our topic work, we've been exploring the wide open expanses of grasslands or plains that cover much of the centre of the North American continent. We've been learning to identify the main features of this biome and how widely varied grasslands can be. We've enjoyed exploring the world of Pop Art in Art, and creating circuit diagrams using internationally recognised standard symbols in Science.

Parent Consultations

Many thanks to yourselves and the classteachers for your and their time at the Parent Consultations this week. The last sessions will be next Tuesday 29th March.

Parent Class Rep Meeting

The next meeting will be held virtually on Monday 28th March at 9.10am.

Heights Appeal

Thank you once again for all your generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal, which we launched last week - we've now raised 56% of our target and there is still time to donate if you can support us - the link is here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022
Please feel free to share this link with family and friends.

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Dates for the Diary

Half Term	Monday 21 st February - Friday 25 th February
Parent Consultations ALL Classes EXCEPT Holly	Tuesday 29 th March 3.40-6.00pm
Tempest - Class Photos (Weather dependent)	Monday 4 th April
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
Tempest - Class Photos (Backup Date)	Thursday 7 th April
Year 5/6 X-Country Event Emmer Green Primary	Thursday 7 th April 3.30-4.45pm
Tempest - Class Photos (Backup Date and Mop Up)	Friday 29 th April
May Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 2 nd May
Scarecrow Trail	Saturday 7 th - Sunday 15 th May
I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here Fundraising Event	Friday 20 th May
Additional INSET Day (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Wednesday Monday 6 th June
Bags2School	15 th June
Year 5 Enterprise Day (To be confirmed)	16 th June
Year 5 Greek Day	Monday 20 th June
Summer Fayre	Saturday 2 nd July

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards