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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! Another term has flown by - particularly with the Spring term being shorter than the other two. Still, we've managed to pack lots into it and are really proud of all the children's achievements. We've celebrated (with your support), World Book Day, Red Nose Day, World Down Syndrome Day, Science Fortnight and Sustrans Walk and Wheel. Thank you SO much for your generosity towards the Charitable Days. We've had trips to Winchester Science Museum and the Oxford Story Museum, The Earth Trust and have enjoyed workshops and visits from people and chicks!

Reception

We enjoyed performing the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' to our parents on Wednesday and hoped you had as much fun as we did! We were so inspired that we did some independent writing about it. In Maths, we've been concentrating on subtraction and used songs that take away (Little Ducks and Speckled Frogs) to help us understand subtraction better. We cut out and decorated our own little pigs for storytelling and made handprint pigs to take home. We can't wait to go on our trip to Legoland after the Easter holidays. Thank you so much for offering to help our teachers and staff on the trip!

Year 1

This week, we have been really busy showing our teachers what we've learnt so far this term and year. We practised writing a description based on a picture prompt, with a focus on sentence structure and have been using our maths knowledge to solve number problems. We've continued to observe our plants and record our findings in our plant diaries and we've also been identifying different fruit and vegetables. This helped us with our D&T work as we helped 'Nontron' plan, design and create a much safer snack for Astra on her space mission - a fruit salad.

Year 2

We've been busy writing up our explanation texts about the life cycle of the cacao plant in neat and then completed a Big Write about the life cycle of a chick. In Maths, we did some data handling work; investigating our favourite Easter Eggs and creating a graph to represent the information. We had an end of term treat as we finished our chocolate unit by watching the original version of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We loved it!

Year 3

Our teachers have said how impressed they are with the variety of writing we have produced this term, including instructions, poetry and a story. We've been learning about adverbial phrases this week and enjoyed using these in the 'Slow Write' we completed. In Maths, we've been applying the compact method for multiplication to word problems and in Science, we used a 'scratch test' to help us investigate the hardness and softness of different rocks. In RE, we were really interested to learn about the Easter Story and the importance of the cross to Christians. We loved making our own stain glass effect cross with coloured tissue paper and daffodil suncatchers, which we've displayed at the top of stairwell 2.



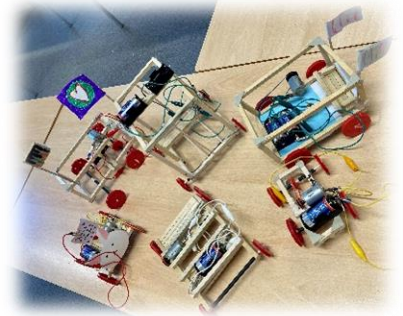
Year 4

We've had a fabulous week! We started on Monday by making and painting (after exploring wheels and axels) Roman Chariots and prototypes then headed to Oxford on Tuesday to the Story Museum. Thank you so much to Mrs Dimmick for organising the trip and to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped on it. We were tasked with learning a poem off by heart to help us speak with confidence in front of an audience and then we wrote a diamante poem. In Maths, we rounded decimals and learnt to recognise the decimal equivalent of halves and quarters and in Science, we had loads of fun working collaboratively in groups to build the tallest structure using spaghetti and marshmallows! It was very sticky! In IT, we used our knowledge of Roman racing arenas and chariots, to create a chariot racing game in Scratch.



Year 5

This week, we continued our alien invasion topic and developed our piece of writing based on the stimulus. We loved designing, building and evaluating our lunar buggies in small groups as we had to work as a team, problem solve and learn to compromise. In Maths, we continued our work on position and direction on grids with co-ordinates and in Geography, we've been learning about the impact of tourism on mountain communities.



Year 6

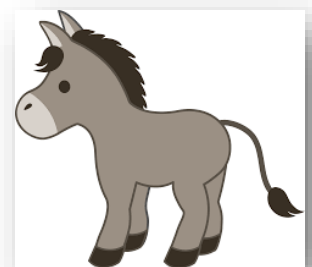
This week, we've been exploring one of the most extreme geological features of North America - volcanoes. We built on our prior knowledge and developed our technical language, which helped us explain the component parts of volcanoes throughout their life cycle. We also compared different categories of volcano, from the stereotypical stratovolcano to the massive caldera super volcanoes. In Computing, we learnt how to create multiple divisions in our websites, as well as how to code and link multiple web pages, so that we could create something more similar to the websites found on the World Wide Web. In Science, we learned more about one of the most important figures in the history of electricity - Alessandro Volta. It was really interesting exploring the role he played in the early development of the battery and his discoveries of electricity in nature.

Easter Trail

Thank you SO much to Sian Dowd, Helen Ashmore, Carley Hutchins and their team for organising the Easter Trail in the playing fields this afternoon. It's a lovely way to finish the term and begin the Easter holidays and it's great that it can be enjoyed by different members of our local community.

Come and Meet our Donkey!

Some year groups have been learning about the first Palm Sunday in RE. Come and join St Andrew's Church this Sunday morning (Palm Sunday) when they will recall the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, shortly before his arrest and execution. The people of St Andrew's Church and Caversham Heights Methodist Church will be enjoying a short walk in the Spring sunshine with a donkey (or two) along Albert Road and some other local roads as they wend their way to church. They will set off at 9.30am from the junction of Copperfields and Albert Road (RG4 7PQ) and would love you to join them! They will go into their churches for their morning services at 10am (St Andrew's) and 10.30am (CHMC), and you are of course as ever invited to join them for the services too. There is no pressure if you just want to do the outdoor walking part.



Caversham Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to all the Year 5 and 6 runners who participated in the Caversham Schools Cross Country competition yesterday at Emmer Green. They all ran really well, and were such a credit to the school. Many thanks to Emmer Green Primary for hosting the event.



Heights Appeal

Thank you once again for all your generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal, which we launched recently- we've now raised 61% 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

Start of Term 5	Monday 25th April
Reception - Legoland	Monday 25 th April
Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 5)	Tuesday 26 th April - 6 th May
Tempest Class Photos - Willow & Rowan Classes only	Friday 29 th April
May Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 2nd May
Young Voices at the O2 (Choir)	Friday 6 th May
Scarecrow Trail	Saturday 7 th - Sunday 15 th May
Dental Examinations (Reception & Year 1)	Monday 16 th May
Lily Jo Project - Mental Health Assemblies	Tuesday 17 th May
I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here Fundraising Event	Friday 20 th May
Jubilee Celebration Day	Wednesday 25 th May (To be confirmed)
May Half Term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Additional INSET Day - School Closed (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Monday 6th June
Year 3 Superstructures Lego Workshop	Friday 10 th June (details to follow)
Bags2School	Wednesday 15 th June
Year 5 Enterprise Day	Thursday 16 th June
Year 5 Greek Day	Thursday 23 rd June
Sports Day - KS2	Wednesday 29 th June (morning)
Summer Fayre	Saturday 2 nd July
Year 2 to Lepe Country Park	Wednesday 6 th July (details to follow)
Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 6)	27 th June - 8 th July
Sports Day - Reception & KS1	Friday 8 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leavers Party	Friday 15 th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 22nd July (1.30pm finish)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards