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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy 1st July! The end of this academic year is racing towards us, but we've still got so many exciting activities and events planned. One of these is our Summer Fayre tomorrow and I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you there. Thank you so much to all of you who've put so much time and effort into the organisation of it.

Reception

We have been doing some really tricky learning and work this week, including segmenting, blending and writing polysyllabic words such as 'starfish', 'giftbox' and 'paintbrush'. We've continued to practise our actions for 'Going on a Bear Hunt' and have really enjoyed reading our book of the week, 'Where The Wild Things Are'. Our bear of the week is a sun bear and we've learnt all sorts of interesting facts about them. We've also been using mixed media, to finish collaging the sequence of the bear hunt. We're really excited about our 'Move Up' afternoons next week and can't believe we're going to be in Year 1 in September. We're also thrilled to be going to Bucklebury Farm on Tuesday 19th July. What an end to our first year!

Year 1

This week, we carried on with our focus on the story 'It's Mine!' by Leo Lionni. We used this fable and its narrative, as a jumping off point to plan and create original stories with our own animal characters and settings. We revisited story structures and did some mapping ahead of writing, to ensure that our stories have a beginning, middle and ending. In Maths, we've built on our fraction work and applied this to position and direction, thinking about $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ turns. In our Science lesson, we looked at and labelled parts of the human body and loved our animal themed Lego workshop today.



Year 2

This week, we've worked hard to complete our adverts to persuade Greta that our environment saving machine is the best. We're now going to plan and write a letter to her to explain our inventions in more detail. We've been enjoying looking at ocean habitats, as part of our topic work and identifying and describing their features and we're really looking forward to our trip to Lepe Country Park next Wednesday and our Yo Ho Ho Me Hearties! Pirate Day on Wednesday 13th July.

Year 3

This week, we've continued to learn about persuasive leaflets. We started by learning how rhetorical questions can be used effectively and then planned our own persuasive leaflets to persuade someone to visit Reading. In Maths, we've been learning how to measure and calculate perimeter as well as measure mass and read scales using kilograms and grams. In Science, we learnt about water transportation in plants by observing how a plant absorbs water up the stem/stalk and in our topic work, we looked at the shape and design of different

superstructures. We then explored and designed our own 3D building that can be built from nets. We really enjoyed Sports Day on Wednesday - it was brilliant to have it on the playing fields!

Year 4

This week in Science, we've been exploring the life of Lord Kelvin and his discovery of absolute zero. It has really helped to consolidate our understanding of how particles behave at different states of matter. In Maths, we've been learning how to identify different types of triangle and quadrilateral and then learnt how to move and describe movement with grids. We've really enjoyed exploring the features of Quest stories in English and will be using this knowledge to help us write our own adventure story. In Computing, we've learnt about special features of Scratch and how we can change the design of our quiz and on Sports Day, we had fun competing in all the events we've been practising in our PE lessons this term.

Year 5

Following our Ancient Greek Day last week, we really enjoyed identifying similarities between ancient Greek democracy and current UK democracy. We also sculpted Greek vases out of clay. Then in our English lessons, we checked that we've included all the key ingredients for an ancient Greek myth and used our plans to write, edit, up-level and perform them. In Maths, we've continued our work on decimals, learning how to add and subtract them and how to identify number bonds to 1.

Year 6

It has been another busy week! We've continued with our play preparations and can't believe the Box Office will be open next week! We've been putting the finishing touches on the singing and dancing numbers, finalising our marketing materials, working hard to get the mountain of props and costumes prepared and ensuring the technical and stage crews are familiar with the equipment they'll be using. A group of girls from the Creative Team asked, organised and held a cake sale after school yesterday to raise money to pay for the material for some of the costumes. Mrs Edwards and Mr Cook were blown away by their maturity, efficacy, organisational skills and the way they managed to whole fundraising event. It was a huge success and they raised £233! Astonishing! We've continued to learn about the history of Reading and the industry that built the town and in Art, we created some artworks inspired by contemporary aboriginal art.

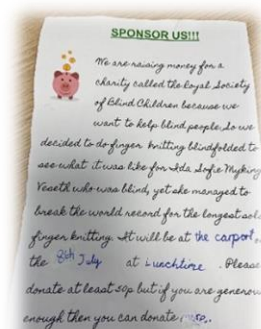


Key Stage 2 Sports Day

It was SO special to have been able to hold our first Sports Day on Mapledurham Playing Fields. Thank you to all the children, staff, parents and volunteers who helped make it such a wonderful and enjoyable day and to Chris Ellison for all his incredible ongoing support and commitment to and passion for the school

Sponsorship - Finger Knitting!

Cara and Holly in Year 4 are raising money for the Royal Society of Blind Children by finger knitting - blindfolded! The girls decided to do this to see what it was like for Ida Sofie Myking Veseth who was blind, yet managed to break the world record for the longest solo finger knitting. The girls will be finger knitting at the Car Port, at lunchtime next Friday 8th July. If you would like to sponsor them, they are suggesting a donation of 50p or more.



Ice Lolly Sale

We raised £130 across the two days of selling lollies to the children and their families last week! Thank you so much to Laura Mines and her helpers with organising this - the queues were very long!

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Dates for the Diary

Summer Fayre	Saturday 2 nd July
Eco Council Visit to Green Park Wind Turbine	Tuesday 5 th July (morning)
Early Move Up Afternoon	Tuesday 5 th July
Year 2 to Lepe Country Park	Wednesday 6 th July (details to follow)
Year 3 Ukulele Concert to Parents	Wednesday 6 th July (9.00-9.45am)
Year 6 Guitar Concert to Parents	Wednesday 6 th July (10.00-10.45am)
Reception Vision Screening	Thursday 7 th July (morning)
Year 1 Feathers and Falconry Visit	Thursday 7 th July 9am-10am
Early Move Up Afternoon	Thursday 7 th July
Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 6)	27 th June - 8 th July
Sports Day - Reception & KS1	Friday 8 th July (morning)
Year 6 Play (Beauty and the Beast)	Wednesday 13 th July (Matinee) 1.45pm Wednesday 13 th July (Evening) 7.00pm Thursday 14 th July (Matinee) 1.45pm Thursday 14 th July (Evening) 7.00pm
Year 6 Leavers Party	Friday 15 th July
Reception Trip to Bucklebury Farm	Tuesday 19 th July (details to follow)
Last Day of Term	Friday 22nd July (1.30pm finish)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards