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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another exciting week, after a gorgeous Saturday full of fun at our Summer Fayre. We've had Bikeability, a Year 2 trip to Lepe Park, a Feathers and Fur experience for Year 1, a taster day at Highdown for Year 5, A Cricket Festival & Ukulele performance for Year 3, Guitar performance for Year 6, two Move Up afternoons and KS1 Sports Day. Phew! We're definitely ready for the weekend.



Reception

This week we've continued to work really hard in Phonics. We've been stretching our CVCC words with digraphs, as well as adjacent consonants, such as - blink, stand and trunk. We've had great fun making binoculars out of toilet roll tubes which some of used in our outdoor learning and really enjoyed watching the Year 3's Ukulele performance. We felt very grown up, moving to our Year 1 classes and teachers and loved our first Sports Day at The Heights, even though it was super hot!

Year 1

This week, we've been looking at how we can improve our sentences to make them more interesting. We wrote a recount about the fantastic Lego workshop we had last week and used our up levelling skills to edit and improve our work. In our 'Animals Including Humans' topic, we've been looking at our senses and have had fun tasting, smelling and touching different things. It was exciting seeing and learning about the Tawny Owl, Horned Owl and Falcon in our Feathers and Fur session yesterday. Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre is based at Moss End Garden Village in Bracknell with Birds of Prey such as a Peregrine, Owls and Hawks on display. Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre also offers amazing Hands on Session , Experience Session Gift Vouchers and Birthday Parties at the centre and as a thank you for such a wonderful visit we would like to offer 10% off to all parents. Simply visit the website and when purchasing a session enter the discount code FFFC10 www.feathersandfur.co.uk
Finally, to top the week, we had an epic sports day today!



Year 2

As part of our English work this week, we researched information about Lepe Country Park, in preparation for the trip we had on Wednesday. We also learnt about different ocean microhabitats, including rock pools and discussed different coastal animal life. It was sooo much fun being down by the coast and seeing some of the animal life we talked about! Thank you so much to all our teachers, staff and parents who took us on it. In Maths we've been recapping how to read information from a graph and how to present data on our own graphs. Like the Reception and Year 1 children have said, we also loved Sports Day and can't wait to find out which house won overall!



Year 3

Following our preparatory work, we wrote up our own persuasive leaflets on why someone should visit Reading, edited and then published them. In Maths, we continued our work on our measurement unit, by adding and subtracting mass. We also read scales to measure volume and convert volume (both litres and millilitres). We learnt about the life cycle of different plants in our Science lesson, including that of an apple tree and a runner bean. We also learnt about germination, seed dispersal and reproduction. In Computing, we've begun to create a PowerPoint presentation, to show the superstructure that we think is best and as part of our Topic, we created our own flat nets, adding details (e.g. windows) and then built them into 3D shapes. We were nervous before we played our Ukuleles in front of the Reception children and parents, but really proud of how we performed.

Year 4

In our topic work this week, following on from our recent River Walk, we've been learning about the features of rivers and have had great fun starting to construct our own 3D models of rivers. Thanks for the donations of cardboard to help us make them! In English, we've continued to explore the features of quest tales, looking at books such as Voyage of the Dawn Treader, Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings and started to plan our own stories. In Maths, we've recapped division and in Computing, we've learnt to put scoring systems into our quizzes in Scratch.

Year 5

English has been really exciting this week, as we've been planning and writing up our modern day 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This follows on from the wonderful performances of the play last week. Mrs Thomas Ms Lawless have said that they're really excited to see what we come up with! In Maths, we've been revising quadrilaterals and triangles and the differences between irregular and regular polygons and in Science we've been learning about sexual reproduction in mammals. It's been fun learning the story of Troy through song and we had a really enjoyable taster day at Highdown.

Year 6

We have our Dress Rehearsals and full performances of Beauty and the Beast next week. Wow! Where did the time go?! We've been putting the finishing touches on the singing and dancing numbers in particular and the Marketing team have started to sell tickets. The creative team have continued to work closely with Mrs Bareham, to paint, Papier-mache and build things, from crazy inventions to magic mirrors and everything in between. We've also taken part in the last two rounds of the UKMT Inter-house Maths competition: the logic and make a number rounds. It has been a really closely fought contest. In topic and Science we've focused on globalisation, looking at how the world works in unison to combat the challenges facing us as a species, and make direct comparisons to the nationalism and isolationist politics that dominated previous time periods (including WW1). In Art, we've continued with our exploration of sculpture, using different materials to create our own depictions of animals, in a medium that allows for detailed, intricate work: Modroc (plastered gauze).

A number of us have completed our Level 3 Bikeability Training and had an amazing time cycling into Reading and planning routes from our homes to different places.

Key Stage 1 Sports Day

It was great to hold our KS1 Sports Day on Mapledurham Playing Fields this morning. Thank you to all the children, staff, parents and volunteers who helped make it such a fun and memorable morning and to Chris Ellison for all his support again.

Summer Fayre

Thank you so much, to all parents and everyone who helped organise and make our first Summer Fayre on our permanent site, such a lovely event. There was so much to do and much more space than we've been used to. It was lots of fun and great to see and welcome children, parents, grandparents, staff and members of our local community.

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 were finger knitting at the Car Port, at lunchtime today - joined by many others who were showing a keen interest. If you would like to support their cause, please bring donations into school next week for them.



Ice Lolly Sale

We raised a further £100 selling lollies to the children and their families this week! Thank you so much to the PTFA with organising this again.

Eco-council trip

The Eco Councillors went on a trip to the wind turbine at Green Park this week. It was interesting to find out how many houses are supplied by one turbine (1200) and to see the turbine up close and hear how quiet it was! A big thank you to Mr Crisford for volunteering to transport the children and Mrs Barker for accompanying us on the trip. Huge thanks to Mrs Loveday, Mrs Barker and Mr Crisford, for taking us to visit the wind turbines at Green Park. Thanks also to Shiplake College for lending one of their Mini-buses, to help us get there and to Mr Crisford for driving it.



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Dates for the Diary

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 22 nd July (1.30pm finish)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.


Mrs Edwards