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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another beautiful autumnal week which we've made the most of in so many different ways. As well as all the other curricular and extra-curricular activities the children take part in every day, the Year 1s went on a woodlands walk in the park, the Year 6s have spent the week in Devon and Year 2 took a trip to Warwick Castle today, as part of their Castles and Dragons topic.

## Reception

We have loved learning the words and actions to the story of The Little Red Hen and can't wait to perform it to the rest of the school and our parents next week. We had fun making a story map as a class, to help us remember the story and sequence the events and drew an animal from the story, including its name and the sound it makes. We learnt how to make flour and how to grind, using a pestle and mortar and tasted a selection of different breads. We then talked about our favourite using our different senses. In Phonics this week, we've been learning to recognise and say the phonemes g,o,c and k and learning to read words by blending 'c-o-g' to say 'cog' and segmenting the sounds in 'got' to say 'g-o-t'. We've also been writing words and practising counting up to and back from five. Mrs Bentley, Mrs Abbott and Mrs Fallon were really pleased to have seen so many of our parents at the Information session on Wednesday evening and they hope that you found it really useful.

## Year 1

This week we have been recapping what we know about the key features of sentence structure, focusing on capital letters to start a sentence, finger spaces and full stops. We had a giggle, writing silly sentences, trying to include all of these key features independently and then learnt how to re-read our own writing to check that it makes sense and check for any errors that we can self correct. We really enjoyed consolidating our learning on trees by taking a walk to the woods on Wednesday and looking more closely at the differences between the bark, leaves and seeds of them. This helped inspire us to make British trees in Autumn, in our junk modelling area. In our topic work we've been learning about all of the continents of the world and where these are located on a map and on a globe and in Maths, after ordering numbers from smallest to greatest, we were introduced to a number line.

## Year 2

After all our hard work, we received another letter from Zog, who has asked us a favour. As he has finished Dragon school, he is now looking for a new place to live and has some very specific requests about the type of habitat his new home should be in. As a result, we have started to research different habitats, as well as the four countries of the United Kingdom and will be writing back to him to advise where we think would be best for him. We've been continuing with our Dragon eye art this week and had the most exciting time at Warwick Castle today! Thank you so much to Mrs Kingshott and Mrs Abraham for organising and leading such a fabulous trip and to Mrs Callaghan and all the parents who supervised and supported us throughout the day.



### Year 3

We are really enjoying our Fantastic Pharaohs topic and have started to learn about Ancient Egyptian clothing and jewellery. We can't wait to design and make our own necklaces using key colours and patterns from our research into Ancient Egyptian designs over the coming weeks.

We've completed an independent write in our English lessons this week and have been learning written methods for subtraction in Maths. We've been consolidating our knowledge about online safety in IT and exploring the strengths of different magnets in Science.

### Year 4

We returned to Moral stories this week in English and wrote our own one either in the style of the 'Just So Stories' by Rudyard Kipling or Aesop's Fables. We've found it really interesting learning about Greta Thunberg and how she's trying to fight against deforestation. Linked to this, in Science, we've been exploring how environmental changes (both natural and caused by humans) are causing some animals to become endangered or extinct. We've also learned about Nelson Mandela & Mo Farah and how they have inspired so many people with their different experiences and achievements. In Maths, we've been continuing our study of place value, with a focus on Roman Numerals, negative numbers and problem solving.

### Year 5

In Guided Reading, we've begun to read the final Beowulf story, 'Beowulf and the Death Dragon of the Deep'. We then used vocabulary retrieved from the text to support us writing our own Beowulf adventure after planning it carefully. In our topic work, we've been practising our note taking skills after watching a short documentary about the Lindisfarne attacks. We considered why the Vikings chose Lindisfarne for their attacks and the impact these attacks would have had on the local area. In Science, we have continued our investigations on behalf of the organisers of Camp Bestival. This week we explored which type of paper is best for a bag that will need to hold greasy food items such as a sausage roll.

### Year 6

Wow! We have had the most amazing week altogether on our Residential at Skern Lodge, in Devon. Some of you may have seen the photos of us on Twitter, Coastal Traversing, Kayaking and Rafting on the River Torridge, completing High Ropes challenges, Surfing and Body Boarding and much, much more. We are looking forward to sharing our experiences with the rest of the school in the KS1 and KS2 Assemblies next Friday. Our parents and the parents of the Yr 5s are also invited to the KS2 Assembly at 1.30pm to see a range of photos and hear different recounts. Thank you soooo much to Mr Cook, Ms Rogers, Mrs Brown, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Howell, for all their time, care and support of us (day and night), over the past week.

### Readifood Donations

Thank you for all the generous donations for Readifood bank. We are so proud to have donated 9 crates full of useful food and toiletries.

### Twitter

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### Dates for the Diary

Community & Grandparents Harvest Afternoon Tea	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 1.30-3.00pm
PTFA AGM	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm
Year 6 Heights & Weights	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (pm)
Year 4 Tag Festival at MPF (cancelled)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (am)
SEND Coffee Morning	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00-10.00am
Year 5 Tag Festival at MPF	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October (am)
Flu Immunisations Catch Up Clinic	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October (am)

<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Parent Consultations	Week Commencing 31 <sup>st</sup> October Week Commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6 Trip to London - Imperial War Museum	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
School Photos (Individual/Siblings)	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Junior Music Festival - Choir Performance at the Hexagon	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need / Mindfulness Day (details to be confirmed)	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 1-4pm
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm</b>



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